

POLICE CAN LIE TO KIDS AND USE THEIR STATEMENTS AGAINST THEM IN COURT. A SENATE BILL HOPES TO CHANGE THAT

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If a member of law enforcement knowingly lies about criminal evidence, information or consequences while interviewing a child, Indiana law allows the child's statement to be used against them.

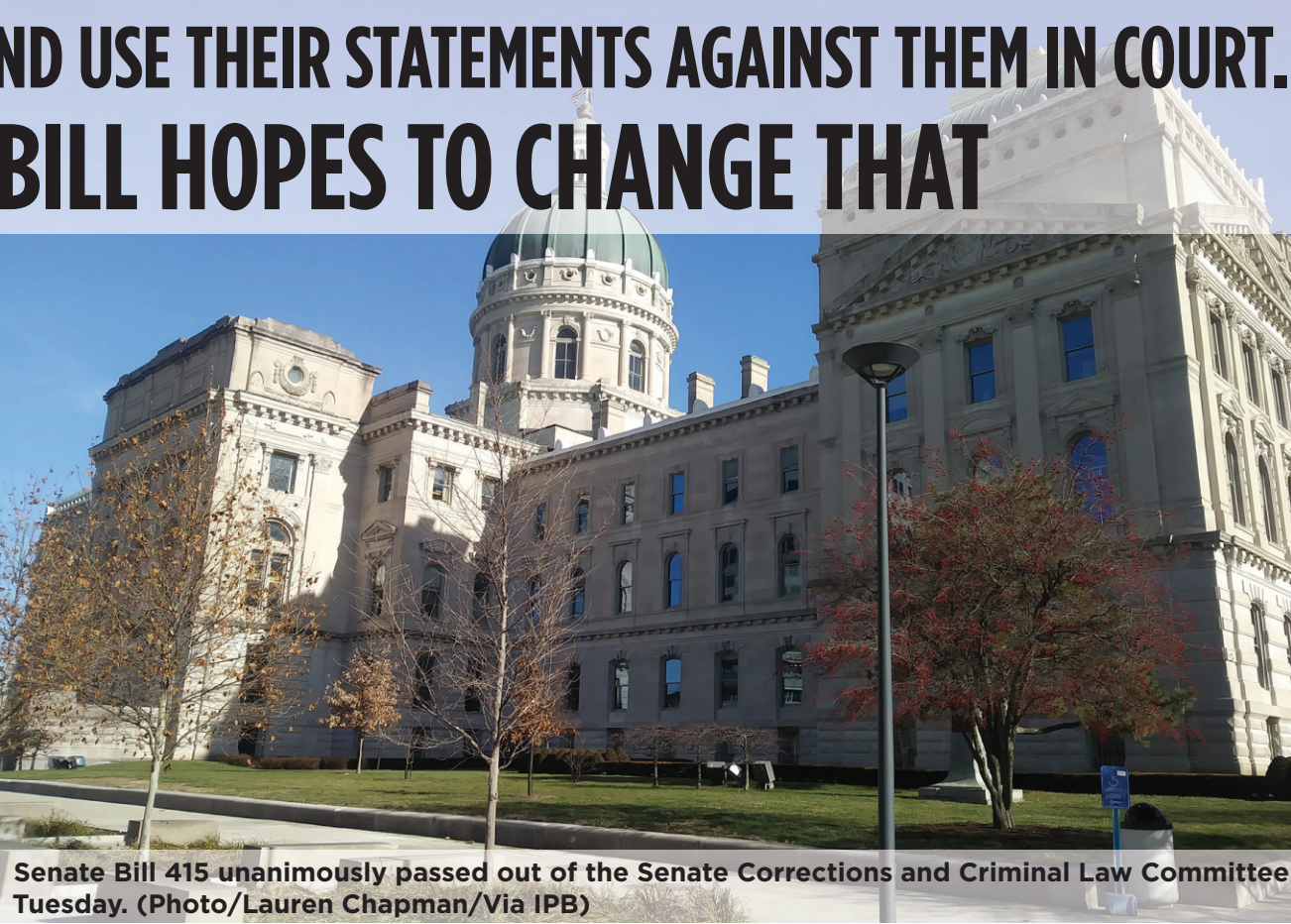
Senate Bill 415, which unanimously passed out of the Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee Feb. 21, would largely make these statements inadmissible in court.

Advocates said the current Indiana law opens up the potential for wrongful convictions.

"We don't allow defendants, suspects to lie. So we should never allow police to lie," said Nicky Jackson, a criminal justice professor at Purdue University Northwest, at a committee hearing last week.

Researchers who testified about the proposed legislation also said youth don't have the brain development to comprehend that an adult officer may be lying to them. The prefrontal cortex, which controls

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Senate Bill 415 unanimously passed out of the Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee Tuesday. (Photo/Lauren Chapman/Via IPB)

Two administrators impact the school system one student at a time

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When it comes to making an impact in education, two of Purdue Polytechnic High School's administrators make students their top priority.

Keeana Warren, assistant executive director, and Shetoya Ward, chief of school operations, both share the same passion to see students succeed in and out of the classroom.

"I learned that my passion is to provide access and opportunity to students who might not have that person in their lives to support them all the time," Ward said.

Both Warren and Ward began their educational



Purdue Polytechnic High School's chief of school operations, Shetoya Ward, began working with the school in 2016 at the Englewood campus. (Photo provided by Purdue Polytechnic High School)

careers in Indianapolis. Ward worked for Indianapolis Public Schools as a teacher for seven years, while Warren taught at Andrew J. Brown Academy and in Washington Township schools.

They also both taught adult learners at the Excel Center by Goodwill.

When Ward entered Marian University, she intended to major in nursing. But after spending a summer as a camp counselor at the Fall Creek YMCA, her career path took a different turn.

At the camp, Ward would come in early and stay late, which allowed

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Indianapolis Recorder joins local coalition

A coalition of Indiana organizations and philanthropists have raised over \$10 million to launch the Indiana Local News Initiative, dedicated to making quality, independent local news and information freely accessible to all residents of Indiana.

The announcement follows a comprehensive statewide research study led by a steering committee of local journalism, community and business leaders, including Tamara Winfrey-Harris, president of the Women's Fund of Central Indiana; Mark Miles, chief executive officer of Penske Entertainment Corp.; Rafael Sanchez, chief impact officer at Old National Bank; Myrta Pulliam, journalist and community leader; Kevin Corcoran, veteran Indiana journalist and strategy director at Lumina Foundation; and Karen Ferguson Fuson, former publisher of the Indianapolis Star, in partnership with the American Journalism Project. Working together with a team of 27 community ambassadors representing a wide range of experiences and backgrounds across the state, and through text messaging and online surveys, interviews and focus groups, researchers heard from over 1,000 Hoosiers across 79 counties who said they needed more unbiased, fact-based information about their communities.

The new initiative's mission is to ensure residents of Indiana have the local news and information they want and need, and will employ three strategies:

- Fill gaps by creating new, independent newsrooms with innovative community journalism programs;
- Facilitate investment in partner news organizations to strengthen their news and their impact;
- Foster collaboration with a growing list of local news partners to amplify quality, independent journalism for all Hoosiers, especially underserved communities.

To start, the initiative will launch a robust, 25-person news organization in Central Indiana and produce accountability reporting and employ innovative community journalism programs that engage residents in setting coverage priorities. In addition, facilitated investments will support other

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'We got next' Indianapolis prepares to host 2024 NBA All-Star Weekend

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The ball is officially in Indianapolis' court as the city prepares to host the 2024 NBA All-Star Weekend. And in preparation for next year, more than 70 volunteers and community leaders traveled to Salt Lake City last weekend to observe, plan and gear up for the thousands of basketball fans coming to Indy next February.

Corey Wilson, vice president for community engagement with Pacers

Sports & Entertainment and executive director of the Pacers Foundation, was among those who traveled to experience the weekend first-hand.

"It's really just been amazing to see the energy and commitment of the volunteers and the excitement," Wilson said. Wilson spent the weekend packing meals, watching the game, and learning many of the bits and pieces of what it takes to operate the busy All-Star Weekend.

"Everybody realizing that this event, the All-



Tracy Ellis-Ward, Pacers Sports & Entertainment SVP of Diversity & Inclusion helps pack meals at the All-Star Game in Salt Lake City, Utah. (Photo provided/ Corey Wilson).

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Indiana lawmakers advance bill banning education on ‘human sexuality’ through the third grade

By CASEY SMITH
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Rep. Vernon Smith, D-Gary (Monroe Bush for Indiana Capital Chronicle)

More than four hours of “We say gay!” chants echoed through the Indiana Statehouse Feb. 20 as hundreds rallied against a bill that would prohibit Hoosier educators from talking about “human sexuality” through third grade.

The latest draft of the proposal also targets transgender students by prohibiting school employees from using a name or pronoun that is inconsistent with a student’s sex without a parent’s written consent.

Schools would additionally be required to notify parents if a student requests to change their name or pronouns.

The bill advanced along party lines 9-4 to the full House. The chamber must approve the bill and send it to the Senate by Feb. 27, or it dies.

Lawmakers on the House Education Committee met Feb. 20 to debate House Bill 1608, authored by Rep. Michelle Davis, R-Greenwood. The proposal is reminiscent of Florida’s “Don’t Say Gay” law that has been described by some as one of the most “hateful” pieces of legislation in the country.

“The goal of House Bill 1608 is to empower Hoosier parents by reinforcing that they’re in the driver’s seat when it comes to introducing sensitive topics to their children,” Davis said, noting that the bill is a response to “numerous concerns of parents in her district.

“Parents know what’s best for their children, and their authority should not be superseded by teachers and school administrators,” she continued.

Earlier language in Davis’ bill banned K-3 classroom instruction or discussion about sexual orientation, gender fluidity, gender roles, gender identity, gender expression and gender stereotypes.

The committee nixed that list of topics and instead changed the bill’s language to bar younger kids from being taught about “human sexuality.”

Davis said that encompasses “the way people experience and express themselves sexually.” She noted that the



Hundreds rally against a sex education bill at the Indiana Statehouse on Feb. 20, 2023. (Casey Smith/Indiana Capital Chronicle.)

change intends to prevent sex education from being taught to younger Hoosier students.

Davis conceded that Indiana schools do not currently teach sex education to students that young. The introduction of those concepts usually starts in the fourth grade, according to state standards.

Bill targets pronouns

Education advocates argued Feb. 20 that the bill, as amended, is an “attack” on LGBTQ Hoosier youth — especially transgender students.

A provision to the legislation prohibits schools and teachers from using “a name, pronoun, title, or other word to identify a student that is inconsistent with the student’s sex” assigned at birth unless a parent requests the change in writing.

The bill advanced along party lines 9-4 to the full House. The chamber must approve the bill and send it to the Senate by Feb. 27, or it dies.

Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, said that the pronoun language, specifically, “makes the bill far less palatable.”

Still, Republicans on the committee maintained that the bill would not apply to curriculum for academic standards or prevent students from having private, one-on-one conversations with a school counselor, social worker or therapist.

But the bill isn’t so cut and dry.

Language in the bill reads that “a school, an employee or staff member of a school, or a third party vendor used by a school to provide instruction” can

not provide any instruction on “human sexuality.”

Additional amendments adopted to the bill on Feb. 20 clarify that teachers — if asked — are allowed to answer students’ questions about “human sexuality” and other topics. It’s not exactly clear what educators are or are not allowed to say, however.

“(A teacher can respond) any way that is the correct answer ... You can have two moms, you can have two dads, you can have a mom and a dad. The rest of the discussion should be with the parents,” Davis said, when asked what a teacher would be able to say to a first grader who asks why a peer has two moms.

Private schools were also carved out of the latest draft of the bill.

Majority of testimony in opposition Only a handful of people testified Monday in support of the bill.

That included Micah Clark, executive director of the American Family Association of Indiana, who said K-3 teachers should be focused on improving dismal math and literacy scores, not “unnecessary controversies.”

“Parents are free to talk to children about these issues. But when the teacher, counselor or guest speaker does it, all that will do is cause heartache for school administrators and the school board, at some point,” Clark said.

Damon Clevenger, a music teacher in Lawrence Township in Indianapolis, said, “As a young LGBTQ+ child, I was constantly a target for bullies and close-minded people who would rather isolate me than accept me for

who I am. I honestly don’t believe I wouldn’t be standing here today if it had not been for my teachers who saw me accepted me, and the proud, out educators who let me know that I was not alone in this world. This bill would take that away from our children today.”

He also promised that students will always have a safe space in his classroom.

Jennifer Laughlin of the Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA) said current state law already protects students of all ages from “obscene materials” — which is what some of the bill’s supporters say they want erased from classrooms.

“This bill is about scoring political points, rather than addressing the real issue,” she said. “Regardless of this bill’s merit, it’s based on a bad faith argument from the start. This bill brings to light issues that are a part of a national trend designed to sow doubt and further a false narrative of our great public schools.”

Rep. Vernon Smith, D-Gary, held that state lawmakers should not “create a universal standard” that imposes Christian values and beliefs on all Hoosiers.

“The bottom line is that we’re here in education and in government to serve people ... and to get so upset about pronouns ... that we lose the educational focus — we’re here to educate children, not to sanctify them,” Smith said. “We need to make schools inviting ... we’re creating a problem that we don’t need to create.”

Paula Davis, mom of three school-age children, an educator, and a chapter president of Moms for Liberty, disagreed.

“This is not about whether or not I agree with homosexual lifestyle. This is about my right as a parent to guarantee my children are not being told the morals and values of their parents are wrong.”

She added that the bill “is guaranteeing that my children do not have an educator introduce them to a topic that I do not believe should be discussed outside of my presence. It is creating a neutral space so children are not forced to participate in something that is so divisive, especially when they may not feel like they have a voice or the power to challenge the teacher.”

Teach Indy Conference to Inspire Current and Future Indiana Educators

Great Teachers Change Lives. In 2023, this statement couldn’t be more true or more critical. In classrooms across the country, including Indiana, educators are working harder than ever to support students emotionally, mentally and academically. While all students have been impacted academically by the pandemic’s disruptions to schooling, students in our most vulnerable populations, including students with special needs and English language learners, saw the most significant declines in academic performance.

If we are to radically change education and positively impact student achievement for all students, it’s time we provide educators with spaces to develop their practice and collaborate with their peers. Teach Indy is working hard to do just that.

Teach Indy is an Indianapolis-based education nonprofit working to recruit, develop, recognize and support the retention of high-quality educators in Indianapolis. Each year, they gather top educators from Indianapolis and beyond at their annual Educators Conference. For the past two years, Teach Indy’s team has hosted the event virtually. This year, that all changes.

“We finally have the opportunity to bring educators together from across the state of Indiana to collaborate, celebrate and build community IN PERSON,” said Sara Marshall, Executive Director of Teach Indy. “The ability to discuss an idea or share real-time feedback among educators without the restrictions of a screen is something that we’ve really been missing.”

On Saturday, February 25, 2023, Teach Indy will welcome current and aspiring educators to Butler University’s campus from 9am-3pm. The conference is centered on the theme of ‘For teachers, by teachers,’ with many sessions being led by local educators who have strong results working with students.

“In working with our session leaders, we set the goal that attendees will walk out of each session with real, tangible tools that can be implemented in their classrooms the following Monday,” shared Mark Carter, Manager of Programs and Events at Teach Indy.

The conference will feature sessions focused on three primary development areas:
Serving Special Populations: Special Education
Serving Special Populations: English Learners
Panel Discussions: Innovative Models and Practices in School

“It was important to us to examine statewide data and present sessions that we believe support educators in better serving all students, especially those who receive special education services and English Learners,” Carter shared. “By creating interactive, engaging sessions with strategies and resources they can use in their classrooms on Monday morning, we believe we can empower teachers to start to close these achievement gaps.”

In addition to interactive breakout sessions, the conference will feature two keynote speakers. In the morning, we will host a panel of current and aspiring educators discussing how one teacher can make a difference in the lives of a young person who is thinking about becoming an educator themselves.

To close out the day, educators will experience a powerful address from Dr. Erica Buchanan-Rivera, an Indiana education leader, nationally recognized author, speaker and current director of equity and inclusion. Her book, Identity Affirming Classrooms: Spaces That Center Humanity,

has become a cornerstone text of many teacher preparation programs. It offers leading research and practical applications to support teachers in building safe, positive classrooms where students are challenged academically while being valued for who they are as individuals.

Throughout the day, time will be reserved for educators to discuss their learning and the application of best practices they’ve heard during sessions and at the panel discussions to improve classroom practice.

This high-energy day will include educator recognition, giveaways, prizes and more. The conference is open to educators across Indiana working in all school settings, Pre-K through High School. The team is also excited to welcome college students interested in teaching, career changers thinking of pursuing their calling, and even a group of high school

students thinking of teaching in the future.

For more information about Teach Indy and to register for the Teach Indy Educators Conference, visit: <https://teachindynow.org/teach-indy-educator-conference-2023/>.

High-Level Details
The Teach Indy is excited to announce registration is LIVE for the 2023 Teach Indy Educators Conference. The conference, held on the campus of Butler University will take place on Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 9a-3p.

URL to Register: <https://teachindynow.org/teach-indy-educator-conference-2023/>



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THIS WEEKEND IN THE ARTS: FEB. 24-26

By **CHLOE McGOWAN**
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Whether you're looking to go out with family or friends this weekend, enjoy live music, visit a museum, art gallery or try out a new restaurant, the Indianapolis Recorder has you covered. We've put together a list of just a few of the events and activities going on in and around Indianapolis in This Weekend in the Arts.

Unfortunately, we couldn't cover everything going on in one calendar. So, if there's something going on that we and other Hoosiers should know about this month, feel free to let us know! Send an email to newsroom@indyrecorder.com so we can include it in the next edition.

Friday, Feb. 24

HAIRSPRAY

Murat Theatre, Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St.

8 p.m.

Tickets start at \$55

The Broadway National Tour of "HAIRSPRAY" is playing at Murat Theatre Feb. 21-26. The story follows 16-year-old Tracy Turnblad (Niki Metcalf) as she strives to earn a spot on TV's most popular show. Through lively musical numbers and powerful words, the show touches on many difficult subjects such as body image, racism and segregation.

indianapolis.broadway.com/shows/hairspray/

Family Sweetheart Dance

Chuck Klein Sports Complex, 4702 Rockville Road
5:30-7 p.m.

Tickets are \$1 per person; Registration required

Indy Parks is hosting a night of crafts, music, dancing and light refreshments to celebrate with your special someone. The Family Sweetheart Dance is open to all ages, and formal attire is encouraged.

indy.gov/agency/departments-of-parks-and-recreation

Saturday, Feb. 25

MB Dabney Book Reading

MacArthur Books, 2169 Glebe St. #100a, Carmel
2-4 p.m.

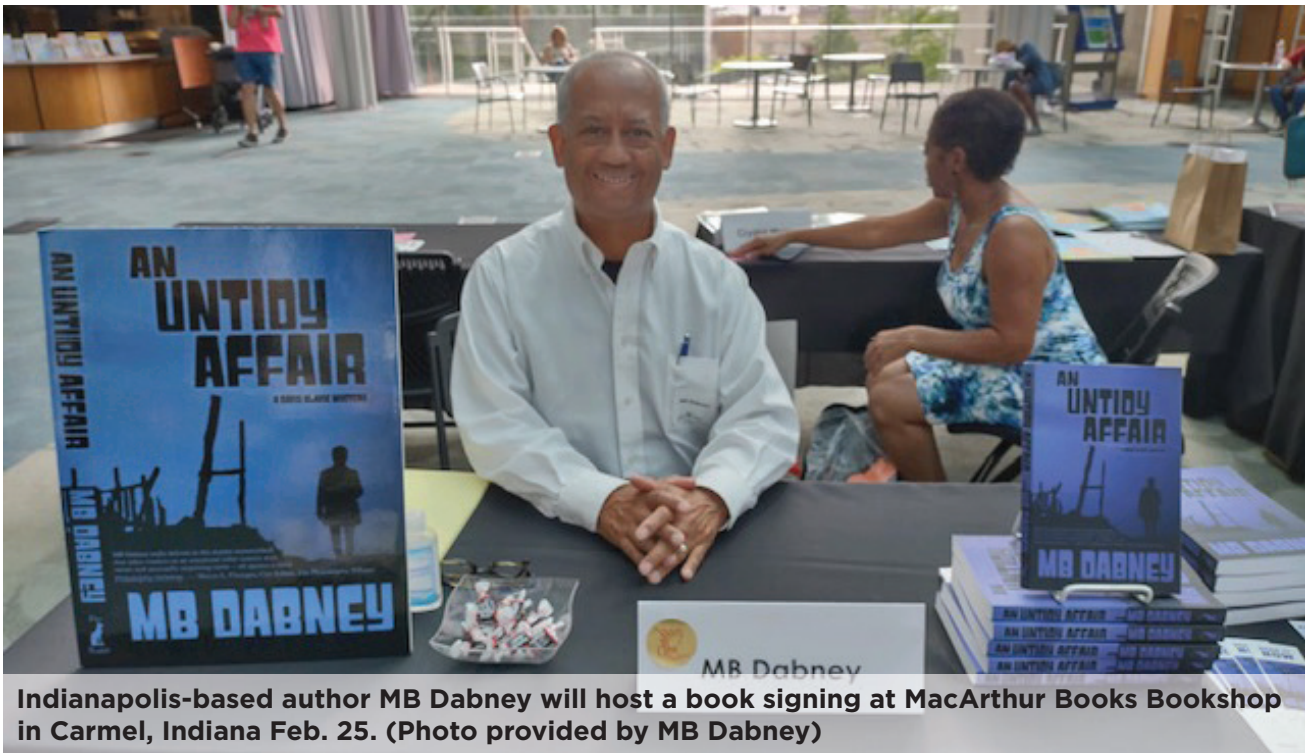
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Indianapolis-based author MB Dabney will host a book signing and meet & greet for his latest book, "An Untidy Affair: A David Blaise Mystery." Dabney will make an announcement regarding his upcoming novel, A Deadly Game — set to be published this spring — and read short sections from the novel.

bookshop.org/shop/macarthurbbooks

All Black Affair

Phiri Art Gallery, 120 E. Market St.
8 p.m. to 12 a.m.



Indianapolis-based author MB Dabney will host a book signing at MacArthur Books Bookshop in Carmel, Indiana Feb. 25. (Photo provided by MB Dabney)



The Broadway National Tour of "HAIRSPRAY" is playing at Old National Centre Feb. 21-60. (Photo provided by Broadway Across America)

Tickets start at \$10

Phiri Art is hosting a Black Excellence Upscale Party in honor of Black History Month complete with music, art, light food and drinks, boutiques and games.

phiriart.com

Black Wall Street Stage Play

GA5 Arts & Performance, 10202 E. Washington St.
1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$15

Written by Delores Lewis Thornton, founder of Marguerite Press, Inc. GA5 Arts & Performance presents the story of Black Wall Street and the destruction of an entire Black community in Tulsa, OK

in 1921.

Ga5arts.com

Sunday, Feb. 26

2023 Daddy Daughter Sneakerball

The Silver Centre Event Hall, 10202 E. Washington St.

6-9 p.m.

Tickets start at \$50

The 11th Annual Daddy Daughter Sneakerball is a daddy-daughter date night with food, dancing, professional photos, prizes and more. This year's dance is a carnival style event with a theme of "My Daddy is the GREATEST SHOWMAN."

Search "Daddy Daughter Sneakerball" on Eventbrite Indianapolis

American Pianists Awards Premiere Series | Isaiah J. Thompson

The Jazz Kitchen, 5377 N. College Ave.

6-7 p.m. and 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20

Jazz pianist and composer Isaiah Thompson will perform a solo and trio set in preparation of the American Pianist Awards finals in April. The performance is also available to livestream on the website.

thejazzkitchen.com

Please note: Admission and ticket prices listed are general and before taxes/fees.

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A large, colorful poster for the "Steward Speakers" event. The poster features four main figures: a man with a beard and tattoos on the left, a woman with long red hair in the center, a woman with curly blonde hair in a white dress on the right, and a man with glasses and a goatee in the bottom right. The text "Steward Speakers" is prominently displayed in the center, with the tagline "More Than Just Talk!" below it. At the top center is a logo consisting of a white circle with a black vertical line and two dots. The bottom of the poster is a red banner with the word "Cookies" in white script. The banner also contains the text "ARTS N' CULTURE & THE AFRICAN AMERICAN INFLUENCE", "FEBRUARY 23, 2023", "7PM | EITELJORG MUSEUM", "500 W. WASHINGTON STREET INDIANAPOLIS, IN", and "PURCHASE TICKETS: WWW.STEWARDSPEAKERS.ORG/TICKETS CALL (317) 297-2905 FOR MORE INFO". On the left side of the poster, there are several logos for sponsors: Lilly Endowment Inc., CICF, Wabash, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FedEx, Indiana State Public Health, Mays, Citizens Money Group, WRTV, and Eiteljorg Museum. The bottom right corner features the IUPUI logo with the text "POWERED BY".



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organizations in the ecosystem; Capital B, a local-national nonprofit news organization serving Black communities, will launch a new newsroom serving Gary, and existing outlets including the Indianapolis Recorder, Indiana News Service, a bureau of Public News Service, and Franklin College’s TheStatehouse-File.com are receiving support as well. The initiative has also created partnerships with nearly a dozen local news organizations (listed below) to work together to amplify local journalism, and will continue to grow the list.

“With these initial investments, we are adding some 30 local news jobs and hope to add many more,” said Ferguson Fuson, who will serve as board chair of the new organization. “We’ll be working together with partners to amplify existing coverage, close coverage gaps and drastically increase the amount of unbiased original reporting in Indiana. Community and collaboration are the core of this initiative.”

A search committee that includes local and national journalism, nonprofit, media and community experts will immediately begin a public search for a Central Indiana editor in chief, and the initiative is also hiring a community journalism director. The organization will be governed by a board of local journalism, community, nonprofit and business leaders with diverse backgrounds and political perspectives. The board is still under development and will be announced in the coming months.

“Free and open access to local news is a foundational part of our democracy. Our communities need trusted, unbiased information sources that are representative and centered on what residents want. This initiative is a first step in ensuring this vital community asset can continue to exist, and serve all Hoosiers,” said Winfrey-Harris, who is also serving on the search committee.

A combination of philanthropy, membership and corporate support will sustain the initiative; supporters of the initiative so far include Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, Herbert Simon Family Foundation, Myrta Pulliam, Lumina Foundation, John Mutz, Michael Arnolt, the Robert R. and Gayle T. Meyer Family Fund, Gene D’Adamo, Joyce Foundation and the Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, and the American Journalism Project. The initiative will continue fundraising and making investments to fulfill its mission of ensuring information gaps are filled for all of Indiana’s communities.

“The Indiana Local News Initiative is a transformational opportunity for the residents of our state,” said Gene D’Adamo, president and CEO of the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust.

“It supports the foundation of democracy and could fundamentally change the way local news is delivered and consumed in Indiana.”

The announcement is the latest in a growing movement to revive local news in communities across the country with transformational investments in public service journalism by local philanthropies. Other major initiatives in recent years include Signal, a nonprofit organization in Ohio that has raised nearly \$13 million to date, and Houston Landing, a soon-to-launch publication with \$20 million in startup capital.

“The heroic coalition behind the Indiana Local News Initiative proves that local philanthropies and civic leaders can work together to reverse the alarming decrease of local journalism and make a huge difference in the trajectory of their communities,” Michael Ouimette, senior vice president, strategy & startups at the American Journalism Project, said. “The initiative puts Indiana at the forefront of a national movement of communities stepping up to respond to the local news crisis.”

More local news for Indiana

The new, yet-to-be-named Central Indiana newsroom will produce non-partisan journalism on a daily basis that is free to access, centers community voices and lets residents help set newsgathering priorities. It will produce contextual, solutions-oriented reporting on critical topics and continuously follow up on issues until they’re resolved for local communities. It will employ a community reporting model that trains and pays Hoosiers to help with coverage and distribution, and launch Indianapolis Documenters, a local affiliate of the award-winning national Documenters Network, operated by City Bureau.

With support from Lumina Foundation and Joyce Foundation, Capital B will launch a new local newsroom serving Gary, which will deliver trusted and high-quality reporting tailored to the needs of Black communities in Gary and the Northwest Indiana region. As Capital B’s second location after Atlanta, the new newsroom will publish critical information about affordable housing, applying for benefits, voting and more. It will produce civic journalism and accountability reporting with an editorial strategy informed by intensive community listening and engagement.

TheStatehouseFile.com, a news website powered by Franklin College journalism students, which previously charged newsrooms for rights to its award-winning coverage of state government, has received support from Lumina Foundation to make its content available free to members of the Hoosier State Press Association, greatly increasing the availability of critical statehouse coverage for all Hoosiers. The grant also supports TheStatehouseFile.com’s partnership with The Indiana Citizen, a nonprofit news startup focused on voter engagement.

The Indianapolis Recorder, one of the oldest surviving African American newspapers in the country, has received a grant from The Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, to add two new roles to its staff as part of the initiative, and will be able to remove its paywall as a result of the support.

Indiana News Service, a bureau of Public News Service, is a newswire that is heard, read and seen through nearly 70 media outlets across the entire state, the majority of which serve rural areas. Indiana News Service has received support from Lumina Foundation to expand original Indiana reporting, air a statewide newscast Monday to Friday, collaborate with local news outlets, and distribute the reporting to media outlets across Indiana, for free.

Other partners include WFYI Public Media, one of the longest standing, independent newsrooms in the state, as it continues to provide free, accessible news content for all through in-depth, community-driven reporting available both digitally and on-air daily. Join the movement for local news in Indiana

All open roles associated with the initiative can be found at <http://localnewsforindiana.org/jobs>, including editor in chief and community journalism director for the new Central Indiana newsroom.

The Central Indiana editor in chief search committee will include:

- Karen Ferguson Fuson, Indiana Local News Initiative board chair, former publisher of the Indianapolis Star
 - Kevin Corcoran, strategy director, Lumina Foundation and veteran Indiana journalist
 - Oseye Boyd, public engagement editor, Indianapolis Star, and former editor of the Indianapolis Recorder
 - Tamara Winfrey-Harris, president of the Women’s Fund of Central Indiana
 - Mizell Stewart III, former executive at Gannett / USA TODAY Network and former editor of the Evansville Courier & Press
 - Loretta Chao, vice president, strategy & startups, American Journalism Project
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her to build relationships with the children. And it was then that she decided on a career in teaching.

Ward earned her bachelor’s degree in physical education, health and safety science and biology. And went on to earn her master’s degree in leadership administration, both at Marian University.

Ward said she loves to empower her students and encourage them to reach their goals.

Warren began her collegiate career at Purdue University, where she received her bachelor’s degree in sociology and psychology. For her master’s degree in education, she attended Marian University and earned her doctorate in educational administration at Indiana State University.

There are three locations of Purdue Polytech, one located in South Bend, and the other two in Indianapolis. The schools were created by Purdue, the City of Indianapolis and IPS. The school focuses on science and technology education with a hands-on approach to help students apply in the real world what they learned in the classroom.

Warren started working in the Purdue Polytech network in 2017 when she opened the school’s north campus and began as the principal. Ward started with the company in 2016 as a founding principal for the Englewood

campus. Both administrators work to make the school environment a place where students feel seen, heard and represented by making sure students know that they have access to talk to them at any time.

“I think it’s important for students to see themselves represented in leadership and know that they have a space there but also there are some shared experiences and some shared understanding that we can have there,” Ward said.

According to Ward and Warren, it is important for all students, especially students of color, to see someone in leadership that resembles them.

Raina Maiga, a sophomore at Purdue Polytech’s Englewood campus, said she feels like her voice is heard at her school.

“Seeing the people who are responsible for my education (who) ultimately look like me . . . is really awesome. It really makes me feel represented,” Maiga said.

Warren and Ward said they will continue to push students to succeed and “make sure that students dreams aren’t squished by the limitations” that society puts on them.

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the brain’s decision making, planning and impulses, doesn’t fully develop until age 25.

Courtney Curtis from the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council opposed the legislation during the initial committee hearing. She said the law isn’t necessary because Indiana allows parents to consult with their children before an interrogation.

But Joel Wieneke, a senior staff attorney with the Indiana Public Defender’s Council, disagrees. He emphasized that most parents aren’t lawyers, and likely do not understand the law any better than their children do.

“The protection of a parent in a meaningful consultation is inadequate to protect kids,” he said. “We need further

protections like this.” SB 415 will now move to a second reading in the Senate.

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McDonald’s Invests in Future Leaders with its ‘Black History Makers of Today’ Scholarship Program

INDIANAPOLIS – McDonald’s of Indiana and Southwest Michigan continues to recognize high school seniors who are making a positive impact in their communities. In February, the McDonald’s Owner/Operators honored 15 youth, nominated by their teachers, with a \$1000 ‘Black History Makers of Today’ Scholarship.

The ‘Black History Makers of Today’ program is a way to celebrate Black History while recognizing young men and women who exemplify McDonald’s values of entrepreneurship and community involvement.

“It’s about raising up black youth that are finding their own balance. They are role models for other students,” said Laurie Henry, a McDonald’s Owner/Operator in Indianapolis.

The program aims to illuminate true leadership. “We just love to have the winners be noticed for community efforts, not just grade point average,” said Gary Eley, an Indianapolis McDonald’s Owner/Operator. “These are future McDonald’s owners, they embrace incredible responsibilities,” added Eley.

The recipients were recognized for things like volunteering in their neighborhoods, helping with their family needs, tutoring younger students, or taking on a job after school to save for college or help the family.

Through its ‘Black & Positively Golden’ initiative, McDonald’s Owner/Operators highlight all things positive in the culture and focus on stories of truth, power and pride. “We hire directly from our neighborhoods,” said Mya Smith, a McDonald’s Owner/Operator in Indianapolis. “This program also helps bring positive economic opportunities to the neighborhoods. It helps us help the communities get youth engaged in education, empowerment and entrepreneurship.”

50 years ago, the National Black McDonald’s Operators Association (NBMOA) was dedicated to ensure African American McDonald’s owners fully engaged in the benefits of



operating a McDonald’s restaurant. “Today, the NBMOA remains the largest organization of established Black entrepreneurs in the world; 11 of them are here in Indianapolis and Central Indiana,” said McDonald’s Owner/Operator Pam Poore.

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Celebrating Black History Month



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Beef & Board's 'Footloose' left nothing to be desired

By CHLOE McGOWAN
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Celebrating its 50th season, Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre opened its production of the stage musical "Footloose" Feb. 9.

Bringing the same magic and musical numbers as the 1984 movie musical, the Tony Award-nominated production, which was adapted for the stage by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie, follows rebellious teen Ren McCormack (Daniel Alan Dipinto) and his now single mother Ethel (Sarah Hund) as they relocate from their home in Chicago to rural Bomont. Their story takes a turn when Ren quickly starts running into trouble at school, work, church and — well, everywhere once he finds out dancing is illegal in Bomont.

Though Beef & Boards took a small liberty with the addition of modern cellphones and laptops — though these devices existed in the '80s, they were not in general use due to their size, weight and cost — this production of "Footloose" stays true to all the fan-favorites songs, such as "Footloose," "Let's Hear It For the Boy" and "Almost Paradise."

As far as casting goes, this is one of the most diverse and well-rounded casts I've seen in a local professional theater production. This show is dance heavy — with stunning leaps, lifts and toe touches thrown into Doug King's choreography and over the top group numbers that threatened to break the stage. I was only disappointed I wasn't up and dancing with them.

Directed by Heather Patterson King, "Footloose" captured the hearts of audience members between shocking and solemn moments, out-of-pocket humor and the blatant absurdity that accompanies a local ordinance banning dancing following a tragic accident that took the lives of four students.

Battling with his inability to sit still and coming to grips with his father walking out on him and his mother, Dipinto's portrayal of Ren is beloved. Boyish humor and charm, charisma and impressive "Newsies"-worthy dance moves make him a joy to watch onstage.

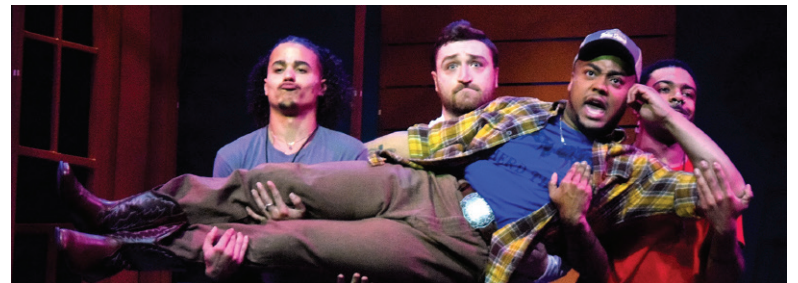


Ariel (Sharaé Moultrie), top, sings “I Need A Hero” with her friends (from left) Urleen (Logan Hill), Rusty (Shelby Berry Kamohara), and Wendy Jo (Maya Mays) in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre’s production of “Footloose.” (Photos/Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre.)

Meeting his match in Ariel Moore (Sharaé Moultrie), the minister's daughter, Ren quickly falls for her as they begin plotting to overturn the law prohibiting dancing, finding comfort in their shared losses. Moultrie's melodic soprano voice and femme fatale allure on stage was rivaled only by her ability to freeze the audience in place during the

dignified moments between the jokes, leaving us hanging on to her every line and lyric.

Easily the audience's favorite character, Willard (Noah Nememiah Robinson) had us in the palm of his hand from his first entrance. Through a characteristically humble lisp, dramatic facial expressions and body language, darling sense of humor and his token cow-



Willard (Noah Nehemiah Robinson) sings “Mama Says” with his friends (from left) Lyle (Antony Winfrey), Travis (Brandon Aughinbaugh), and Bickle (Reno Moore) in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre’s production of “Footloose.”

boy hat, Robinson's portrayal of Willard added a gentle layer of nuance to the character left unseen in the original film and the 2011 reboot.

I love a good men's ensemble as much as the next theater gal, and audiences are in for a treat when Robinson takes the stage with Lyle (Antony Winfrey), Travis (Brandon Aughinbaugh) and Bickle (Reno Moore) for "Mama Says." It's rare a four-part harmony can make me giddy, but this number had just about everything live theatre promises.

I always try to make note of company members and those shining in supporting roles, and Eddie Curry and Kathi Ridley-Merriweather showcased their stunning chemistry in their sobering portrayal of Rev. Shaw and Vi Moore. However, I was absolutely captivated by the trio of Urleen (Logan Hill), Rusty (Shelbi Berry Kamohara) and Wendy Jo (Mava Mays).

There's an unexpected power
in their dynamic onstage,

which shines through in their number “Somebody’s Eyes,” and comes back to zap you again when Ariel joins the trio for a diva moment in “Holding Out for a Hero” — which may arguably be the best number in the whole show.

Though the PG-13 rating is a little generous, Beef & Board's "Footloose" was fun — from the modernized costuming to the unique set design and delightful casting.

"Footloose" is showing at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, 9301 Michigan Road, for 52 performances through March 26 weekdays and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., Sunday's at 7 p.m., and select matinees at 1 p.m. A dinner buffet will be served prior to each show. Tickets start at \$52.50 and are available to purchase at beefandboards.com.

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Star Weekend, is so much more than just a game that you see on TV on Sunday night.”

While in Salt Lake City, Wilson witnessed the unveiling of a new STEM lab in an elementary school, watched more than 2000 kids learn how to play basketball, and attended a pitch competition aimed to elevate Black-owned businesses.

On Feb. 16, the NBA Foundation Pitch Competition held a first-of-its-kind live pitch event for eight Black-owned entrepreneurs whose goal was to grow the next generation of Black businesses. Wilson said he was impressed by the competition and is "excited" to see if Indianapolis can do something similar.

The group from Indianapolis wanted to see what worked and what didn't in Salt Lake City and, once back in Indy, apply that knowledge for next year. And part of that will be in engaging the community to better understand how they want the 2024 weekend to operate.

"We got next," Wilson said, adding that "The big things are really just to understand and be on the ground to engage the local people, our volunteers and the league to make this experience the best one for the fans in Indianapolis."

Indianapolis was scheduled to host the 2021 All-Star Weekend but it was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, said Greg Stowers, community engagement co-chair with Pacers Sports & Entertainment.

In 2020, the NBA All-Star Legacy Project awarded 21 youth-serving organizations across Indiana with up to \$50,000 each in anticipation of the 2021 Weekend. Three additional grants to create health and wellness or education projects were announced last year in anticipation of the weekend.

Volunteers are working diligently behind the scenes to finalize a strategic plan and engage Hoosiers across the state.

"I think no one does a sporting event better than the City of Indianapolis," Stowers said. "That comes from our ability to show up in spaces and places from a planning standpoint and have an understanding of how we envision things working."

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5 Memphis officers plead

NOT GUILTY

in death of Tyre Nichols



The former Memphis police officers accused of murder in the death of Tyre Nichols appear with their attorneys at an indictment hearing at the Shelby County Criminal Justice Center Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, in Memphis, Tenn. The former police officers pleaded not guilty Friday to second-degree murder and other charges in the violent arrest and death of Nichols. (AP Photo/Brandon Dill)

By ADRIAN SAINZ and JONATHAN MATTISE
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Five former Memphis police officers pleaded not guilty Feb. 17 to second-degree murder and other charges in the violent arrest and death of Tyre Nichols, with his mother saying afterward that none of them would look her in the eye in court.

Tadarrius Bean, Demetrius Haley, Desmond Mills Jr., Emmitt Martin III and Justin Smith made their first court appearances with their lawyers before a judge in Shelby County Criminal Court. The officers were fired after an internal police investigation into the Jan. 7 arrest of Nichols, who died in a hospital three days later. His beating was caught on video.

At a news conference after the hearing, Nichols’ mother, RowVaughn Wells, said the officers didn’t have the courage to look her in the eye, but “they’re going to see me at every court date — everyone — until we get justice for my son.”

“I feel very numb right now,” Wells said. “And I’m waiting for this nightmare basically that I’m going through right now, I’m waiting for somebody to wake me up. I know that’s not going to happen.”

The officers pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder, aggravated assault, aggravated kidnapping, official misconduct and official oppression. They are all out on bond. Their next hearing is scheduled for May 1.

The Nichols case is the latest to prompt nationwide protests and renew an intense public discussion about police brutality. Nichols, 29, was Black. All five officers charged in his death also are Black.

Addressing the courtroom, Judge James Jones Jr. asked for patience and civility, stressing that “this case can take some time.”

“Everyone involved wants this case to be concluded as quickly as possible,” Jones said. “But it’s important for you all to understand that the state of Tennessee, as well as each one of these defendants, have an absolute right to a fair trial.”

Bean’s attorney, John Keith Perry, spoke with reporters afterward, saying Bean was doing his job and asserting multiple times that the officer “never struck” Nichols.

“Tadarrius Bean never touched him (Nichols) in any way, striking him. Period,” Perry said.

That claim is contradicted by video footage and Bean’s own words.

Bean admitted to police investigators he punched Nichols two or three times in the face because officers weren’t able to handcuff Nichols. The admission was noted in a filing by the Memphis Police Department seeking to prohibit Bean from working in law enforcement again. The filing notes Bean’s actions were captured on video.

Bean admitted to throwing the punches during a type of internal investigation that, for legal reasons, will likely never be seen by a jury.

Bean also held Nichols by one of his arms while Nichols was pepper-sprayed, kicked, punched and beaten with a baton.

As Bean’s attorney spoke with reporters, protester Casio Montez spoke over him, saying Nichols’ death was murder: “You represent a murderer, bro.”

Blake Ballin, the attorney for Mills, said the process must be “based on the facts and the law, and not the raw emotions that our country is experiencing.”

The nation’s grief over Nichols’ death “absolutely should be channeled into demanding change in the way that we police our communities,” he added.

“Let’s not forget that my client is a Black man in a courtroom in America,” Ballin said.

Lawyers for Martin and Smith did not immediately respond to attempts for comment. Haley’s lawyer declined to comment in an email.

Assistant District Attorney Paul Hagerman told reporters that “Memphis and the whole world needs to see that what’s right is done in this case, and it needs to happen sooner rather than later.”

Nichols’ stepfather, Rodney Wells, was in court alongside Nichols’ mother and their lawyer, civil rights attorney Ben Crump.

“This is a glorious day,” Rodney Wells said at the post-hearing news conference. “This is the beginning of the process.”

Nichols was stopped by police for an alleged traffic violation and was pulled out of his car by officers who used profanity, with at least one brandishing a gun. An officer hit Nichols with a stun gun, but Nichols ran away toward his nearby home, according to video footage released by the city.

The officers, part of a crime-suppression team known as Scorpion, caught up with Nichols and punched him, kicked him and slugged him with a baton as he yelled for his mother.

After the beating, officers stood by and talked with one another as Nichols struggled with his injuries on the ground, video showed. One officer took photos of Nichols as he was propped up against an unmarked police car, video and records showed.

Erica Williams, the district attorney’s office spokesperson, told The Associated Press in a text message Feb. 17 that “investigators are aware of photos sent from Haley’s phone and have identified the recipients of the photos.”

Nichols was taken to a hospital in an ambulance that left the site of the beating 27 minutes after emergency medical technicians arrived, authorities said.

Police said Nichols had been suspected of reckless driving, but no verified evidence of a traffic violation has emerged in public documents or in video footage. Memphis Police Director Cerelyn “CJ” Davis has said she has seen no evidence justifying the stop or the officers’ response. She disbanded the Scorpion unit, which she created in November 2021, after Nichols’ death.

One other white officer who was involved in the initial traffic stop has been fired. An additional officer who has not been identified has been suspended.

Three Memphis Fire Department employees who were present at the site of the arrest have been fired. Two Shelby County sheriff’s deputies who also were there have been suspended without pay.

Nichols’ family, their lawyers, community leaders and activists have called for changes within the Memphis Police Department on issues related to traffic stops, use of force, transparency and other policies.

Some of the relatives and lawyers have praised Davis and the department for the swiftness of their response and said it should be the standard for other investigations into police brutality.

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EDITORIAL

SAY WHAT?



By Larry Smith

Millions upon millions of us routinely, sometimes compulsively, interact with three disembodied “people.” We know them as Alexa, Siri and Google. Most frequently, we ask them about quotidian things, such as the weather forecast or how to make a casserole. We also order goods and services — sometimes indispensable ones — through them. (Or we can program them to automatically order what we need).

We beseech our devices to provide point-by-point directions to our favorite restaurant, even if we know the way. They can even control the lights, thermostats and security in our homes. It’s a perfect setup for sociopaths, who can get what they want without having to talk to an actual person.

These nearly ubiquitous gadgets, which rule the so-called “internet of things” are — at once — a dynamic triumvirate and the most obsequious servants. They do our bidding, but many of us are more dependent on their power than we are aware of (or perhaps want to admit).

For its part, Google is by bar the most popular search engine on the planet. (That’s a weird description given that it’s not actually “on” the planet, but you get the point.) Google accounts for 85%-90% of internet searches worldwide. Bing is a distant second, providing roughly 8% of all searches. I’ve always joked that Bing merely pretends to be a search engine. (If you’ve used it, you know why.) That could dramatically change in the not-too-distant future.

Microsoft, which created Bing, recently bought ChatGPT. ChatGPT, which stands for Chat Generative Pre-Trained Transformer, is an artificial intelligence (AI) platform. ChatGPT is such a powerful aggregator of information that it has made Google’s parent company, Alphabet, sit up and take notice. That was nearly unthinkable until very recently.

Of course, the rise of AI has uses — and implications — that go far beyond internet searches. For example, AI is the technology behind self-driving vehicles, including 18-wheelers. (Look up the phrase “trolley problem” to consider just one potential challenge with such vehicles.)

As someone who has been an adjunct professor at a university, I am concerned about a challenge that may not seem as urgent as Tesla’s self-driving failures, but it’s nonetheless important. That challenge is ChatGPT’s ability to generate short- and long-form written documents. Anyone can ask ChatGPT to spit out, say, a homework assignment or college admissions essay — and the platform will immediately comply.

As has been widely reported, the documents that ChatGPT produces usually are very well done. In fact, it’s often impossible to distinguish between something that was written by a human being as opposed to an AI algorithm. In short, ChatGPT makes cheating infinitely easy — and often difficult to detect. (Incidentally, some brilliant techies are working on “countermeasures” that are designed to detect whether documents were generated by AI.)

One of the many philosophical questions that such technology raises is whether submitting something from ChatGPT is, technically speaking, plagiarism.

On a related note, one can debate whether such documents are the result of a truly “creative process”, at least as we historically have understood that phrase. In addition to ethical questions, there are ethereal and aesthetic ones. For example, could AI ever produce works as beautiful and poignant as those written by Toni Morrison or James Baldwin? And who gets to judge? Margaret Wolfe Hungerford admonishes us that “beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” Should it matter whether the eye is judging a work that was generated by a machine?

AI, perhaps more than any invention in history, has transformed science fiction into science fact. Technological innovation has virtually always created a tension between “Can we?” and “Should we?” Perhaps most importantly, there is the question of whether we’re close to reaching “the singularity,” which is the point at which AI becomes “self-aware.” (Think of “The Terminator”).

In the end, all of these deep ethical, moral, and philosophical issues raise the primordial question of what it means to be human. Incidentally, AI also tells fibs. Yes, AI will occasionally fabricate an answer to a question that it posed to it. (Perhaps this is the most important indicator that we have breached the singularity.)

Celebrated sci fi writer Philip K Dick, who died in 1982, quite presciently wrote: “There will come a time when it isn’t ‘They’re spying on me through my phone’ anymore. Eventually, it will be ‘My phone is spying on me.’”

Let’s hope that we have not quite gotten to that point.

The Story of Harry Hoosier

By Andre Carson



If you’re from Indiana, you’ve likely faced the age-old question: “So, what exactly is a Hoosier?”

Of course, we’ve heard theories. Richmond resident John Finley’s poem “The Hoosier’s Nest” — originally spelled “Hoosher” — is often attributed as the first mention of this distinctly Indiana term. The word also appears in the “Carrier’s Address” of the Indiana Democrat on January 3, 1832. Yet another theory is that pioneer settlers would respond, “Who’s yere?” to a knock on the door.

But one of the most interesting theories is one you may not have heard: the story of Harry Hoosier.

Harry Hoosier, sometimes spelled Harry Hosier, was described by Booker T. Washington as “the first Black American Methodist preacher in the United States.” Born enslaved around 1750, Harry Hoosier was sold to a

plantation near Baltimore, where he became a talented religious orator who traveled throughout the Appalachian frontier, according to Fisk University Professor William D. Piersen.

Harry Hoosier’s story is one of resilience and success. Despite being illiterate, Mr. Hoosier’s message was heard far and wide, and he became one of the best-known and greatest preachers of his time. According to a recent bill in the Indiana Statehouse, “many of Harry Hoosier’s followers brought their Methodist beliefs and Hoosier nickname to Indiana in the decades before and after Indiana was granted statehood in 1816.”

With his great influence, it is believed that Mr. Hoosier’s followers became known as Hoosiers, followers who were also part of a growing number of Methodists beginning to question the practice of slavery. With a Black leader as an example, these 18th Century “Hoosiers” may have honed the principles we understand as “Hoosier Hospitality” today — the belief in kindness, equality, and respect.

Until recently, I had never heard the

story of Harry Hoosier, despite attending school in Indiana and surrounded by strong, Black leaders and family members throughout my lifetime. But Harry Hoosier confirms what we already knew: Black history has always been American history, and Black history has always been Hoosier history. From oral traditions passed down from generation to generation, to the legacy of legends like Madam C.J. Walker, Mari Evans, Major Taylor, Wes Montgomery, the Jackson 5 and Babyface, Black Hoosiers have always been part of our state’s story.

Bringing this story into the light gives us a better understanding of the vast, diverse history of our great state. And during Black History Month, there is no better time to learn our history and to celebrate it.

While there are many partisan arguments surrounding education — including recent political stunts falsely claiming that Black studies has no educational value — Harry Hoosier’s story is slowly making its way into our modern consciousness in a bipartisan way. This year, Indiana Representa-

tive J.D. Prescott, a Republican from Union City, introduced House Bill 1143 recognizing Harry Hoosier as our state’s namesake. In 2016, the Indiana Bicentennial Commission endorsed the “Harry Hoosier Project,” an effort to share the story of the man who lives on in our conversations every day.

I hope Harry Hoosier’s story inspires others to begin to unwrap more forgotten or neglected stories. History — the way we tell it, the way we analyze it, and the ways we pass it on to future generations — is always evolving. Our stories have always existed. But these stories need to be shared with everyone, and they need to be recognized as a vital part of American history too.

Harry Hoosier lived centuries ago. We can’t speak to him or even know as many details about his life as we may want to. But his existence, the stories we have of him, are what define our past and shape our future.

Black history is about joy. It’s about survival, resilience, and it’s about success.

And above all, it needs to be shared.

Celebrating Black educators because representation matters

By KARIMAH CROSSON

Teaching is both an art and a science. It is not just what we teach but how we teach it. Few would disagree with this notion; however, one organization believes “who” teaches is just as important.

The “r” word that has come up in every industry is not what you may think — representation. A Johns Hopkins University study found that “Black students who had just one Black teacher by third grade were 13% more likely to enroll in college — and those who had two were 32% more likely than their peers

that have not had any Black teachers. As the people of Indiana celebrate Black History Month, difficult conversations regarding Critical Race Theory, Senate Bill 386, and COVID-19 learning loss have reached new heights. While lawmakers and leaders negotiate and debate away for years about the future of our kids, one organization has unwaveringly introduced innovative solutions nonstop for the past eight years. Why? Because representation matters.

Blake Nathan, CEO and Founder of Educate ME Foundation, is a solutions-oriented leader who understands children need change now. “Nearly 95% of Indiana school superintendents who responded to a 2022 survey said they are contending with a shortage of qualified candidates for teacher openings,” reports the Tribune-Star in Terre Haute. Unapologetically, Educate ME has worked to; one, increase the number of men and women of color teaching in Indianapolis classrooms and two, remove barriers to certification for aspiring teachers. As easy as this may sound, thinking outside the box was a key ingredient of the Black Teacher Fund. The goal of the Black Teacher Fund is to reduce the financial barriers associated with establishing a career as a licensed teacher in high-need geographic areas.

The broader Indianapolis community has struggled with teacher shortages for many years, along with a disproportionately low number of Black classroom teachers. The Educate ME initiative covers the cost of test preparation and certification fees to ease access for aspiring Black educators’ entering the profession. Educate ME offers existing teachers up to \$450 in supplies or a shopping trip at the Teacher Pop-Up Store hosted in Central Indianapolis. These

benefits have provided teachers’ relief while doing the challenging work at underfunded schools. Recruitment and retention programs that provide immediate impact on the Black educator workforce and, more importantly, offer positive outcomes for all students are needed. More well-trained, certified teachers are a win for the entire state. Moreover, a diverse teacher landscape benefits all students — not just Black students — although data shows the impact on Black children is transformational. Why? Because representation matters.

National and local philanthropic foundations such as the Indianapolis African American Quality of Life Initiative, the Glick Fund and Indianapolis African American Legacy Fund have supported Educate ME as the organization creatively innovates how they attract and help Black educators. One of their most ambitious projects to date is the Black Teacher Residency in partnership with Klipsch Educators College at Marian University. Through this program, aspiring K-12 educators will be awarded a full scholarship for their Master of Arts in Teaching graduate degree and a full-time position at an Indianapolis public or charter school. The residents will be prepared for a long-term career as an educator through a gradual release model that includes mentorship by a highly effective teacher, culturally relevant professional development, and priceless on-the-job training. Educate ME has celebrated Black educators all year and will continue to do so by investing time, funding and human capital to remedy and resolve the teacher shortage.

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Attorney Fay Williams recognition from the State of Indiana and city of Indianapolis



(l to r) State Senator Greg Taylor, State Representative Gregory Porter, Fay Williams and Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett, presented the State of Indiana Resolution and the Proclamation from the city of Indianapolis.

Fay Williams speaking to the attendees. Photos/Curtis Guynn

Martin University to host second health summit

By **TIMORIA CUNNINGHAM**
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The National Center for Racial Equity and Inclusion plans to host a health summit at Martin University on Friday, focusing on the impact of lung, breast and colorectal cancer in the Black community.

NCREI executive director Davyd Hall said there are higher rates of these three cancers among Black people than in the general population. The summit will educate participants on the signs to look for in these serious forms of cancers, and ways they can be treated.

It is important to catch cancer early when treatment options are highest and survival rates are the strongest, Hall said.

There will be healthcare professionals and other organizations present

during the event to give participants insight on these forms of cancer along with a chance to hear from panelists who are cancer survivors.

A few topics that NCREI has covered at their previous health summit are lupus and sickle cells.

Hall said that the NCREI plans to have health summits every quarter, highlighting various illnesses within the Black community.

This free event is open to the public and will include breakfast. It will take place Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fr. Boniface Hardin Gathertorium inside of the university. Those that are interested are invited to register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/518126539427>

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT: Indy Chamber

By STAFF

Indy Chamber has been spearheading programs and initiatives such as the Business Ownership Initiative (BOI) and the Business Equity for Indy (BEI) to aid local Black businesses in Indianapolis with four Black women leading the cause.

These initiatives were originally started in response to the racial unrest in 2020 following the murder of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, said Christina Snorten, Procurement Program Manager of Indy Chamber. The business community in Indianapolis came together to demand a larger response, looking to Central Indiana Corporate Partnership (CICP) and Indy Chamber for something tangible, she said.

Christina Snorten

Snorten said Indy Chamber collaborates with (CICP) and the Indianapolis Urban League for Business Equity in Indy (BOI), which is a series of task forces — procurement, people and policy — that address certain issues the Black community faces from a business perspective.

Snorten works on the procurement task force, and focuses on launching new, growing small and aiding medium sized Black-owned businesses, such as Sip & Share Wines and FrontRunner Media Productions, by helping them secure and manage contracts with corporations.

Corporations recognize talent, ingenuity, innovation and excellence is left on the table when segments of the population are excluded from participation, she said. The “secret sauce” to the work BEI does is putting businesses whose contributions are needed in front of other businesses who need them, Snorten said. This way, everyone wins.

Stacia Murphy

Stacia Murphy, Senior Vice President of Enterprise Development, said she helps lead all the Chamber’s small business developments and entrepreneurship with a heavy focus on disenfranchised businesses – which are often women-, Black- or minority-owned.

This work involves providing resources to those communities, which Murphy said can be everything from access to capital to free one-on-one coaching and training, and networking with large corporations.

“It’s been in my DNA my whole life, I grew up wanting to help disenfranchised communities, specifically Black communities,” she said. “It’s something I’m very passionate about; to have opportunity to step into a new leadership position and really focus on these efforts means so much to me.”

Murphy said being able to engage with the community in this way is a testament to Indy Chamber’s commitment to the growth and betterment of local Black businesses and changing the way big companies do business in order to have more equitable results.

Tierra Sims

Tierra Sims, Indy Chamber’s program coordinator, works primarily for the BEI Procurement task force helping corporations diversify their suppliers by connecting them with local Black-owned businesses during BEI Procurement Roundtable Supplier Meet & Greets.

“During roundtables, we bring in five suppliers to pitch their businesses,” Sims said. “There’s a lot of networking involved and business making.”

Sims said seeing the back end of supplier diversity and helping members of her own community make those connections to bolster their businesses is eye opening. She said there are a number of issues when it comes to local businesses trying to get their foot in the door, and Indy Chamber helps them meet their needs.

Being a Black woman in this area of work also helps with representation, Sims said. When suppliers and purchasers see people like her and others at Indy Chamber doing this work, Sims said it makes building those connections and diversifying the market much easier.

Zikeia Walker

As the Senior Director of Lending for Indy Chamber, Zekeia “Keia” Walker works heavily with BOI to assist Black businesses in getting access to capital in addition to providing resources and education to overcome challenges they may face when seeking loans — such as poor credit or lack of collateral.

“Being from a disadvantaged community myself, it means the most that I’m able to give back to individuals who look like me and to help them grow and build their businesses,” Walker said. “Being able to give back to that community means everything to me.”

Walker said Indy Chamber coaches business owners in finance, and talks them through how to grow and scale their businesses, network and navigate and fulfil large contracts.

Often times, entrepreneurs may not know where to go for those resources or feel embarrassed to ask for help, Walker said. However, Indy Chamber is a judgment free zone, she said. It doesn’t matter what your ethnicity is, if your business is just an idea or if you need a little extra funds — Indy Chamber wants to help.

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Psychedelic churches in US pushing boundaries of religion

By MICHAEL CASEY
Associated Press

HILDALE, Utah (AP) — The tea tasted bitter and earthy, but Lorenzo Gonzales drank it anyway. On that frigid night in remote Utah, he was hoping for a life-changing experience, which is how he found himself inside a tent with two dozen others waiting for the psychedelic brew known as ayahuasca to kick in.

Soon, the gentle sounds of a guitar were drowned out by people vomiting — a common downside of the drug. Some gagged; several threw up in buckets next to them.

Gonzales started howling, sobbing, laughing and repeatedly babbling “wah, wah” like a child. Facilitators from Hummingbird Church placed him face down on the grass, calming him momentarily before he started laughing and crawling on all fours.

“I seen these dark veins come up in this big red light, and then I seen this image of the devil,” Gonzales said later. He had quieted only when his wife, Flor, put her hand on his shoulder and prayed.

His journey to this small town along the Arizona-Utah border is part of a growing global trend of people turning to ayahuasca in search of spiritual enlightenment and an experience they say brings them closer to God than traditional religious services. Many hope the psychedelic tea will heal physical and mental afflictions after conventional medications and therapy failed. Their problems include eating disorders, depression, substance use disorders and PTSD.

The rising demand for ayahuasca has led to hundreds of churches like this one, which advocates say are protected from prosecution by a 2006 U.S. Supreme Court ruling. In that case, a New Mexico branch of a Brazilian-based ayahuasca church won the right to use the drug as a sacrament — even though its active ingredient remains illegal under U.S. federal law. A subsequent lower court decision ruled Oregon branches of a different ayahuasca church could use it.

“In every major city in the United States, every weekend, there’s multiple ayahuasca ceremonies. It’s not just a twice-a-year thing,” said Sean



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McAllister, who represents an Arizona church in a lawsuit against the federal government after its ayahuasca from Peru was seized at the port of Los Angeles.

But with the growth of pro-psychedelics movements has come increased scrutiny. In addition to ayahuasca shipments from South America being seized, some churches stopped operating over fears of prosecution. There are also concerns these unregulated ceremonies might pose a danger for some participants and that the benefits of ayahuasca haven’t been well studied.

“Our knowledge is kind of limited,” said Anthony Back, a professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle. “There is not as much information about safety as the regular other medical treatments that you might get if you went to a regular doctor in the United States.”

It was dark as the Hummingbird ceremony began on a Friday night in October, except for flickering candles and the orange glow of heaters. Psychedelic art hung from the walls; statues of the Virgin Mary and Mother Earth were positioned near a

makeshift altar.

A mix of military veterans, corporate executives, thrill seekers, ex-members of a polygamous Mormon sect and a man who supposedly struck it rich on a game show had converged for the \$900 weekend. Many appeared apprehensive yet giddy to begin the first of three ceremonies.

They sat silently, awaiting the arrival of Taita Pedro Davila, the Colombian shaman and traditional healer who oversaw the ceremony.

The brew contains an Amazon rainforest shrub with the active ingredient N, N-Dimethyltryptamine, or DMT, and a vine containing harmala alkaloids that prevent the drug from breaking down in the body.

Those who drink ayahuasca report seeing shapes and colors and going on wild, sometimes terrifying journeys that can last hours. In this dreamlike state, some say they encounter dead relatives — one woman saw family members who had died in a car accident — as well as friends and spirits who talk to them.

“When you were invited here, you were invited for a weekend of heal-

ing,” Davila told the group in Spanish through a translator, before people lined up for shot glass-sized-doses of the thick, dark tea in plastic cups.

Davila, wearing a fedora, a boar-tooth necklace and beaded chest plate with a jaguar image, locked eyes with each participant, uttered a prayer over the cup, blew on it with a whistling sound and handed it over. After everyone drank and was settled on mattresses, Davila strolled through the tent as the drugs took hold, shaking a bundle of leaves and playing a mournful tune on the harmonica.

“Every process is an individual one and completely different for every one of us,” he said. “We are going to turn off our minds and open our hearts. If you feel like you are dying, die. This is going to allow you to be reborn.”

Gonzales and his wife, Flor, were among several ayahuasca newcomers.

They had driven from California, hoping for relief for Gonzales. He’d battled drug addiction for much of his 50 years, was suffering the effects of COVID-19 and had been diagnosed with early-stage dementia — likely a result of concussions over the years, one from a motorcycle crash

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SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

A New Thing

By REV. RAE KARIM



Did you know that a moose sheds his antlers? I didn’t either. Until I saw the short video clip on Instagram, I thought the antlers were a permanent part of the moose’s head. Yet, right before my eyes,

the moose stood for a second, shimmered from hind to head and with the shimmy, his antlers fell right off hitting the ground. The moose didn’t look back and galloped away in what looked like a hurried manner. There the antlers lay in the snow.

I watched it a few more times, as it was simply an incredible sight to see.

The moose didn’t look pained or in distress as he shook them off. And he definitely didn’t give second thought to what had just taken place. He literally kept moving forward.

As I took the formerly unknown phenomena into consideration, there were a couple of thoughts that came to mind. First and foremost, I wanted to know why the moose shed the antlers. Secondly, I wanted to know how this

could relate to human life, spiritual life.

My curiosity led to a little bit of research, for the first question. I learned the antlers are used to attract a female moose. Once the moose has found his mate, he sheds his antlers. They get rid of what they no longer need (read that again), because it’s of no use. Those particular antlers are for that particular season and for that particular mate. The beauty of it is that the antlers grow back before the next mating season. Therefore, the moose always has what he needs when it’s time.

I could probably end the article there and allow you to process what’s been written. With a few minutes of contemplation, you can relate this process of antler shedding to your life, both in the natural and the spiritual.

As I relate the antler shedding process to my own life, Isaiah 43:18-19a (NKJV) comes to mind:

“Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing.”

Let’s put that in context with antler shedding: If the moose decided to keep the antlers (the old thing), what would the consequence be for him? Would he miss out on the next mate (new thing) in the upcoming season? Would his head become heavy because of the old thing? Would the excess weight slow him down, as a result of holding on to the old thing? Would there be other effects later on in the life of the moose?

These aren’t questions for the moose only. They are also for us to think

about.

What happens when we stubbornly, fearfully, anxiously (fill in the blank) hold on to what we don’t need — when we hold on to what we can no longer use.

How can we have capacity, energy, and time for the new thing, if we’re still remembering or holding on to the old thing? How will we get to the new thing that God has waiting for us?

As we head into the final month of the first quarter of the year, let’s be intentional with taking inventory of what we no longer need and what’s no longer serving us. Let’s be intentional with taking time to shed, so that

we can be ready for the new thing, because it’s ready for us.



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and another from an industrial accident. He doesn't drive due to memory loss, rarely sleeps and is prone to angry outbursts.

"My poor body is dying and I don't want it to die," Gonzales said.

Flor Gonzales, 48, had grown weary of doctors and the pills they prescribed. None of it worked and she feared losing Lorenzo. So the born-again Christian who favors natural medicine researched ayahuasca and figured it was worth trying.

"If he's already sick and he's been placed on all these medications that have side effects, what do we have to lose? ... It might stop the progression of the illness," she said. "It might help him ... accept things more without the anger."

Maeleene Jessop was also an ayahuasca newcomer but was intimately familiar with Hildale, the Utah town where the ceremony was held. She's a former member of the Fun-

damentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, or FLDS, a polygamist offshoot of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The ceremony was held in a tent on the grounds of a house owned by a former FLDS member in Hildale, where Jessop grew up, enduring sexual and physical abuse in the group's stronghold. Jessop left the church after its leader, Warren Jeffs, was arrested for sexually assaulting girls he considered brides. He is serving a life sentence in federal prison.

The 35-year-old woman has struggled to adapt to life after the FLDS, which controlled almost everything from what she ate to what she wore. Since leaving, she has tried anti-depressants, therapy and other psychedelics like mushrooms to deal with depression and a range of physical ailments, including hearing and vision problems she blames on the abuse she suffered.

"I felt like I needed something more, like I needed a stronger breakthrough. So this is the next step," she said of ayahuasca. "Hopefully it's the last step."

She remains wary of organized religion, but felt like Hummingbird offered what she was looking for — a sense of community and freedom to connect "to a higher power, whether that's us or the universe or God, whatever you want to call it."

More than three months after the ceremony, Jessop said she credits ayahuasca with easing her depression and improving her focus. She found some clarity about her life goals and plans to study communications to help her speak out about abuse.

The roots of ayahuasca go back hundreds of years to use by Indigenous groups in the Amazon. In the past century, churches sprouted up in South America where ayahuasca is legal. Some Brazilian churches are a mix of Christian, African and Indigenous influences.

The movement found a foothold in the United States in the 1980s and interest has intensified more recently as celebrities like NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers, Hollywood star Will Smith and Britain's Prince Harry talked about using it.

Some people spend thousands of dollars taking ayahuasca at five-star retreats in the Amazon. In the U.S., the

movement remains largely underground, promoted by social media and word of mouth. Some ceremonies occur at supporters' homes, Airbnb rentals and remote areas to avoid law enforcement scrutiny.

Like many of these, Hummingbird won't be mistaken for a traditional Western church.

It has no written text and relies primarily on Davila's prayers, chants and songs, in Spanish and the language of the Kamëntsa people, to guide participants. Davila follows traditions he learned from his grandfather in Colombia, spending several days preparing the ayahuasca.

Before serving the tea, Davila conducts cleansing rituals — like blowing tobacco snuff up some participant's noses to heighten its effects.

Courtney Close, Hummingbird's founder who credits ayahuasca with helping her overcome cocaine addiction and post-partum depression, believes the designation as a church helps show that participants are "doing this for religious reasons." But when it comes to defining it as a religion, Close stresses much depends on individual participants' experience.

"We just try to create a spiritual experience without any dogma and just let people experience God for themselves," said the 42-year-old, who participated in about 200 ceremonies and had a vi-

sion to start the church at one of them.

Since holding the church's first ceremony in Joshua Tree five years ago, Close has seen Hummingbird's numbers grow and its demographic change — mostly from young hipsters to older, working-class people desperate for mental health treatment.


The most jarring moments have been people talking openly about suicide and viewing ayahuasca as their only hope. She recalled a sex crimes investigator and combat veteran who was so depressed he couldn't speak without crying and told her: "If this doesn't work, I'm killing myself."

Close said Davila offered the man ayahuasca then said to wrap him in a blanket on his side so he wouldn't choke on his vomit. She hoped the psychedelic would provide him with a transformative, death-like experience while remaining physically safe.

"After the weekend, he looked like a different person where I was like, 'Oh my God. Like, this guy is smiling and talking to people,'" she said.

But Close knows ayahuasca comes with risks, especially when inexperienced users focused on making money start hosting events.

"That's so dangerous," she said, recounting instances of people at ceremonies being sexually assaulted, ripped off and sent home without follow-up support.




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Paul's Kitchen to introduce new food truck

By CHLOE MCGOWAN
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Paul Dickens, a local freestyle chef and owner of Paul's Kitchen, has been serving homecooked meals in Indianapolis through his private chef and catering business for the last seven years.

Now, he said it's time for him to bring his culinary creations to the public in a new way: a food truck.

"I'm looking forward to just being in front of the people again," Dickens said. "Just being more on the scene and being more involved, being able to do different things and bring our own twist to the food truck industry."

Dickens grew up with a love of food without even knowing it, he said. Raised in Indianapolis, Dickens said he was surrounded by loved ones who were always cooking but he didn't take it seriously until he was in school and realized he flourished in the kitchen.

Graduating from The Chef's Academy in downtown Indianapolis in 2012, Dickens worked in several restaurant kitchens — such as Harry and Izzy's, Bucca di Beppo and Crooked Stick Country Club — until 2017.

"I started finding myself actually enjoying what I was doing," Dickens said, "(But) with the restaurants, I felt like I was just being held back, doing the same thing repeatedly every day, so I started to lose interest."

It was then that Dickens began planning his way out by laying the foundation for what would be his own business; allowing him the freedom to cook whatever he wanted and experiment in the kitchen.

"It wasn't a goal, it wasn't a plan, it all just happened," he said. "Things started to align; I started finding myself actually enjoying what I was doing."

Paul's Kitchen officially got its start selling meals off Instagram before moving into meal prep for CrossFit Gyms. It then branched off into catering and eventually into personal and private services for families and athletes, which Dickens has been doing for the last five years.

The inspiration for Paul's Kitchen was based on "an Asian dish with an American twist." Dickens said it's a take on a traditional noodle dish with sliced chicken he tried during a trip to California five years ago.

However, Paul's Kitchen catering and personal services menu is entirely customizable, including vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options. Dickens said he does all the shopping, cooking and cleaning up after a meal.

Some of the challenges with running a business stem from simply understanding the business, Dickens said, adding that having patience and understanding that money "isn't going to fall from the trees" can often be difficult lesson.

"You have to learn to pace yourself and learn patience. You can't do it all at once," he said. "You can't go with the flow all the time — in the kitchen, yes — but the steps before you enter the kitchen to cook you gotta have a plan."

However, Dickens said he isn't entirely alone. His wife, Erien Dickens, is the CEO of Paul's Kitchen. She plans schedules, organizes events and

handles communications behind the scenes, all while managing their household and working a full-time job.

"Some days are better than others," Erien Dickens said. "Watching it flourish is just a humbling experience just because God is trusting us to not only be parents but to support each other."

Erien Dickens said both she and her husband are creative but in different ways. They work to blend their strengths to balance the business with everything else, which poses its own unique challenges as well as opportunities, such as mentorships.

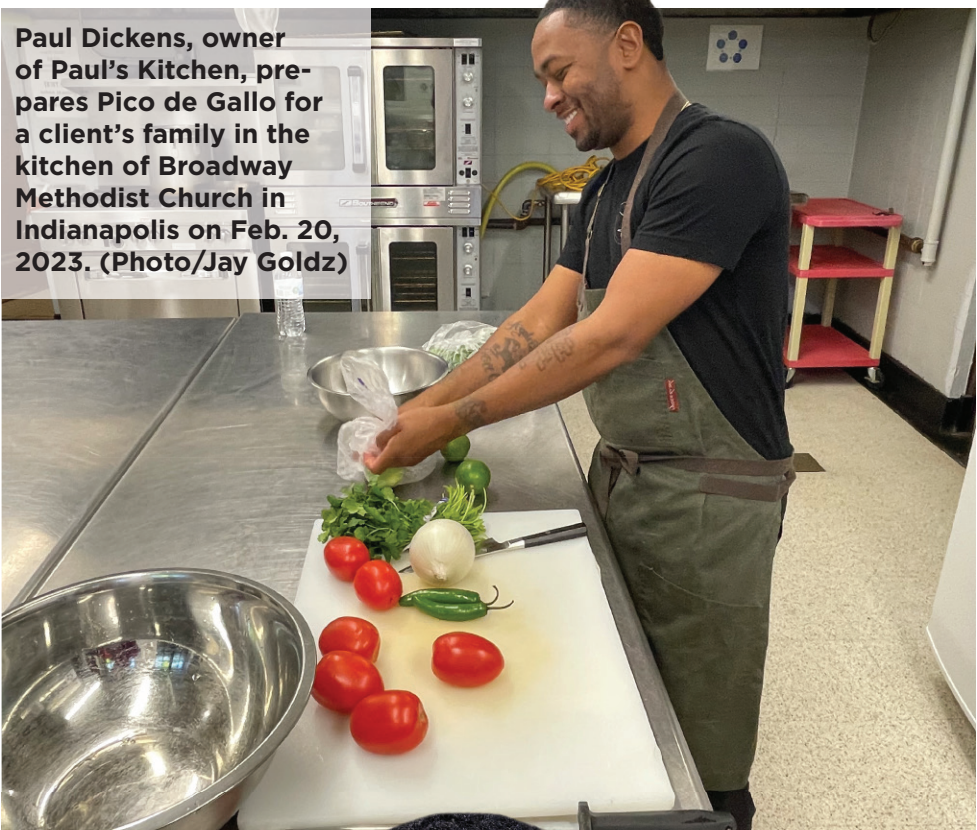
"It's just a humbling experience because we feel like we have so much work to do and then we don't realize how far we've come just as individuals and as business owners," Erien Dickens said.

Paul Dickens said he is excited for the new adventure the food truck affords him. Although operating a food truck is "uncharted territory," Dickens said he much prefers this instead of opening a brick-and-mortar place as he's able to go directly to the community and feed people wherever they are — whether that be at block parties, festivals or events.

"I'm looking forward to him flourishing on the truck just as a cook but also connecting with the community because he always ties things back to 'I wouldn't be here obviously if it wasn't for God but Indianapolis, you guys have been here since I started Paul's Kitchen,'" Erien Dickens said. "As he grows — as we grow — we can't stay the same, so this is an opportunity for people to still support Paul's Kitchen."

Paul's Kitchen food truck is expected to host a soft launch early to mid-March. For more information, visit chefpaulskitchen.com and follow @paulskitchenfoodtruck on Instagram.

Contact staff writer Chloe McGowan at 317-762-7848. Follow her on Twitter @chloe_mcgowanxxx.



Paul Dickens, owner of Paul's Kitchen, prepares Pico de Gallo for a client's family in the kitchen of Broadway Methodist Church in Indianapolis on Feb. 20, 2023. (Photo/Jay Goldz)



Paul Dickens, owner of Paul's Kitchen, has been working as a private and personal chef in Indianapolis for the last seven years. (Photos/Chloe McGowan)



Paul Dickens hopes to reconnect with the community by launching Paul's Kitchen food truck in early to mid-March.



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CAUSE NO.: 49C01-2205-MI-017168)
IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME: ELVIRA SANCHEZ)
Petitioner)
ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION)
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on May 23, 2023, requesting a name change from Elvira Sanchez to Elvira Sotomayor Medina. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on April 27, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., which is more than (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This hearing will be held in-person in the Marion Circuit Court, located at the Community Justice Center: 675 Justice Way, Indianapolis, IN 46203. SO ORDERED: February 7, 2023. JUDGE, Marion Circuit Court 5320-966111

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
) SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49C01-2211-MI-040074)
IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME: OMOLOLA M. DEJI)
Petitioner)
ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION)
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on November 18, 2022, requesting a name change from OMOLOLA M. DEJI to OMOLOLA MODUPE OGUNNIYI. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on April 27, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., which is more than (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This hearing will be held in-person in the Marion Circuit Court, located at the Community Justice Center: 675 Justice Way, Indianapolis, IN 46203. SO ORDERED: November 28, 2022. JUDGE, Marion Circuit Court 5320-966119

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
) SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49C01-2301-MI-002817)
IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME: Sairabano Nuristani)
Petitioner)
ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION)
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on January 23, 2023, requesting a name change from Sairabano Nuristani to Sairabano Amiri. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on April 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., which is more than (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This hearing will be held in-person in the Marion Circuit Court, located at the Community Justice Center: 675 Justice Way, Indianapolis, IN 46203. SO ORDERED: January 30, 2023. JUDGE, Marion Circuit Court 5320-965834

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
) SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49C01-2302-MI-005044)
IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME: Pina Michele Corral)
Petitioner)
ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION)
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on February 6, 2023, requesting a name change from Pina Michele Corral to Pina Michele Gorin. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on April 25, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., which is more than (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This hearing will be held in-person in the Marion Circuit Court, located at the Community Justice Center: 675 Justice Way, Indianapolis, IN 46203. SO ORDERED: February 7, 2023. JUDGE, Marion Circuit Court 5320-966031

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
) SS: PROBATED DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2206-EU-018389)
IN RE THE MATTER OF: THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF ATHENA VETOR)
Deceased)
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)
Notice is hereby given that Leslie E. Lane, on the 17th day of June, 2022, was appointed as the personal representative of the estate of Athena Vektor, who died on April 20, 2022, leaving a will. The estate will be administered without court supervision. All persons having claims against the estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court, within

three months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims are forever barred. Dated: June 17, 2022 /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Marion Superior Court, Probate Division 5320-966113

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
) SS: PROBATED DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)
ESTATE DOCKET 49D08-2206-EU-020133)
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES WEBSTER MABRY, Deceased,)
VERIFIED PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND FOR UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION)
Comes now Thomas Edward Mabry, the brother of the decedent herein, Charles Webster Mabry, and respectfully represents to the Court as follows: 1. The above-named decedent, age 85, died intestate on January 22, 2022, while domiciled in Marion County, Indiana. 2. Petitioner herein, Thomas Edward Mabry, is an interested party in the decedent's estate in that he is the brother of the decedent and one of the heirs at law. 3. The name, age, relationship, and residence of all the known heirs at law of the decedent are: NAME AGE RELATIONSHIP RESIDENCE Thomas Edward Mabry 82 Brother 8037 Westover Drive Indianapolis, Indiana 46268 Mark Wesley Mabry 50 Son UNKNOWN 4. To the Petitioner's best knowledge, the decedent's estate is believed to be solvent and to consist of a Pension and Life Insurance with an unknown account number and unknown amount, personal property with an unknown value, bank accounts: Chase-320916163 and Chase-3209371721835 with an unknown amount and unknown value, a 2016 Mazda vehicle with an unknown balance and value, real property located at 3947 Forest Manor Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46226, with an estimated FMV of \$145,000.00. 5. The known creditors of the decedent as of the filing of this petition are as follows and the Clerk of the Court is requested to serve a copy of the Notice of Administration by ordinary mail upon said creditors: CREDITORS Hooverwood Chase Bank - Mortgage 7001 Hoover Road P.O. Box 71244 Indianapolis, Indiana 46260 Philadelphia, PA 19176 Account No.: 5228 Account No.: 3501281489 Amount: \$3003.00 Amount: \$46,929.84 Chase Bank - credit card Citizens Energy P.O. Box 6294 P.O. Box 7056 Carol Stream, IL 60197 Indianapolis, Indiana 46207 Account No.: 104102993 Account No.: 208269 Amount: \$23.52 Amount: \$191.69 Chase Bank - Auto 700 Kansas Lane Monroe, LA 71203 Account No.: 116270110564902 Amount: \$2,903.00 6. The name and mailing address of the person to serve as personal representative of the decedent's estate is: THOMAS EDWARD MABRY 8037 Westover Drive Indianapolis, Indiana 46268 (317) 876-9625 SSN: ****-**-2268 DOB: 8/20/1939 and Thomas Edward Mabry is entitled to be appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent. 7. The name, business address, Supreme Court Disciplinary Number, and telephone number of the counsel who will represent the personal representative of decedent's estate is: GREGORY H. COLEMAN COLEMAN LAW OFFICE 151 North Delaware Street, Suite 1515 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2522 (317) 636-4955 Attorney No. 15403-49 WHEREFORE, Petitioner, prays the Court for an order appointing Thomas Edward Mabry as personal representative of the decedent's estate, directing Letters of Administration be issued upon the taking of an oath and the posting of a [minimal] bond, and that said Petitioner be authorized to proceed with supervised administration with regard to the decedent's estate, upon proper notice being given to the creditors, and for all relief which is proper in the premises. I affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that the foregoing representations are true and correct to the best of his information and belief. /s/ Thomas Edward Mabry THOMAS EDWARD MABRY, PETITIONER GREGORY H. COLEMAN COLEMAN LAW OFFICE 151 North Delaware Street, Suite 1515 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2522 (317) 636-4955 Attorney No. 15403-49 A T T O R N E Y F O R P E T I T I O N E R 5320-966053

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
) SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2302-EU-005627)
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF TIE ESTATE OF HOMER D. BRITT, JR., DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)
Notice is hereby given that Delbert Britt was, on February 9, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Homer D. Britt Jr., Deceased, who died on December 4, 2022. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this February 9, 2023. /s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell Clerk, Marion County Superior Court 8 Rebecca W. Geyer Disc. No. 21325-49 REBECCA W. GEYER ASSOCIATES, PC [1550 N. Meridian Street, Ste. 200 Carmel, IN 46032 317-973-4555 317-489-5195 fax rgeyer@rgeyerlaw.com 5320-965764

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
) SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D09-2209-DC-006912)
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: DIANA MARULANDA, Petitioner/Wife, and ORLANDO MARULANDA, Respondent/Husband. ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONTINUE)
Comes now the Petitioner/ Wife, Diana Marulanda, by counsel, Vanessa López Aguilera, and in support of her Motion to Continue the hearing set for March 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., and the Court having read said motion and being duly advised in the premises now finds that said Motion should be granted. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that this matter will be continued to a Virtual, Final Hearing, June 1, 2023, of 60 minute duration. (Counsel Vanessa López Aguilera will be unavailable on January 09, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31; February 01, 02, 06, 08, 09, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24; March 01, 02, 03, 06, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 24, 30; April 03, 04, 05, 06, 07; May 1, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 31; June 12, 19) ALL IS SO ORDERED THIS February 13, 2023. Judge, Marion County Superior Court Distribution to: Vanessa López Aguilera LOPEZ LAW OFFICE, P.C. 3502 North Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46208 Orlando Marulanda 490 Riverside Drive New York, NY 10027 5320-965828

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
) SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D10-2301-JP-000188)
IN RE THE PATERNITY OF: CATHERINE M. BARTOLO RAMIREZ)
MARIO RIVERA MENDOZA)
Petitioner/Father, and LAURA RAMIREZ DE ROSAS, Respondent/Mother. SATURNO BARTOLO ARAGON Co-Respondent. ORDER ON REQUEST FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION)
Comes now the Petitioner, Mario Rivera Mendoza, and having filed his Request for Service by Publication, and the Court having reviewed said motion and being duly advised in the premises now finds that the same should be granted. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Co-Respondent, Saturno Bartolo Aragon, will be served with the Court's Order Resetting the Final Hearing via publication in the Indianapolis Recorder. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Publisher's Affidavit shall be filed with the Court once publication has run. ALL IS SO ORDERED THIS February 13, 2023. /s/ Regina Tidwell

COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2301-EU-000717)
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF JANINE H. SCHUMM, DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)
TO: ALL CREDITORS)
In the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Lisa McCracken was, on this day, January 10, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Janine H. Schumm, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the said claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this day, January 10, 2023. /s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell C L E R K, Marion County Superior Court 5320-965958

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
) SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2302-EU-005627)
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF TIE ESTATE OF HOMER D. BRITT, JR., DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)
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Judge Marion Circuit Court 5320-965959

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
) SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NUMBER: 49D13-2212-MF-044692)
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES 2005-2 TRUST, HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-2, Plaintiff, vs. DARCY ANN HATFIELD US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-WFHE1, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WFHE1 BOWMAN & HEINTZ CAVALEY SPV LLC Defendants. NOTICE OF SUIT SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION)
The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a foreclosure of the real estate mortgage, legally described as: LOT NUMBERED 217 IN SHADELAND VILLAGE THIRD SECTION, AN ADDITION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 28, PAGE 485, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. This property is commonly known as 3113 North Richardt, Indianapolis, IN 46226 This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following Defendants whose addresses are known: Darcy Ann Hatfield 3113 N Richard Ave Indianapolis, IN 46226 US Bank National Association, as trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-WFHE1, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WFHE1 Serve Highest Officer Found 425 Walnut Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 Cavalry SPV I LLC CT Corporation System 334 N Senate Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46204 And to the following defendant whose addresses are unknown: Bowman & Heintz In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit. If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your attorney, on or before the 9th day of April, 2023 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded. /s/ Christopher J. Arlinghaus Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49) Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49) Christopher J. Arlinghaus (31680-15) Attorney's for Plaintiff Reisenfeld & Associates LLC 3962 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, OH 45227 Voice: 1-513-322-7000 Facsimile: (513) 322-7099 ATTEST: 2/8/2023 /s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court 5320-965841

Invitation to Bid Project: Indianapolis-Marion Co. Youth and Family Services Center Building Construction Bid Date: March 9, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. Project Description: Scope of work includes precast, masonry, steel, millwork, fiber cement panels, roofing, joint sealants, firestopping, DFH, glazing, translucent wall panels, drywall, ceilings, flooring, painting, specialties, signage, detention equipment, food service & laundry equipment, fire protection, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and paving. Contact: Ariana Binder at ArianaBinder@a-fawill-helm.com or 317.359.5411 5320-966148

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It appearing to the Court that the Respondent in this cause is a resident of the State of Indiana, however, that Michael Wilson's whereabouts are unknown, it appears that a service of process by publication should take place; It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows: 1. That service of process in this cause of action shall be obtained by publication through the Indy Recorder for the period of time prescribed by law. ENTER this the 24th day of January, 2023. /s/ Elizabeth Asbury Honorable Elizabeth Asbury, Chancellor H. Daniel Forrester III Attorney for Petitioner 2214 N. Main Street Clinton, TN 37716 (865) 457-7900 5320-965910

STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT)
) SS: COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO.: 49D10-2301-JP-000188)
IN RE THE PATERNITY OF: CATHERINE M. BARTOLO RAMIREZ)
MARIO RIVERA MENDOZA)
Petitioner/Father, and LAURA RAMIREZ DE ROSAS, Respondent/Mother. SATURNO BARTOLO ARAGON Co-Respondent. ORDER ON REQUEST FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION)
Comes now the Petitioner, Mario Rivera Mendoza, and having filed his Request for Service by Publication, and the Court having reviewed said motion and being duly advised in the premises now finds that the same should be granted. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Co-Respondent, Saturno Bartolo Aragon, will be served with the Court's Order Resetting the Final Hearing via publication in the Indianapolis Recorder. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Publisher's Affidavit shall be filed with the Court once publication has run. ALL IS SO ORDERED THIS February 13, 2023. /s/ Regina Tidwell

(Public Notice) REQUEST FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT 2024-2027 INDIANAPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)
The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is offering the DRAFT 2024-2027 Indianapolis Regional Transportation Improvement Program (ITRIP) for public review and comment from February 20th through March 27th. The ITRIP, which is prepared bi-annually and amended quarterly as needed, documents the federally funded transportation improvements proposed for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning

Area. The 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) provides the planning support for the projects programmed in the ITRIP. A key objective of the ITRIP is to assist local governments in providing a coordinated transportation system for citizens in this area by ensuring that the limited federal funds available to the area are spent on projects that provide the greatest benefit consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The DRAFT ITRIP is available for review now through March 27, 2023 at www.indympo.org or by appointment at the MPO's office located at 200 East Washington Street, City-County Building, Suite 2322 in Indianapolis. For alternative formats, translation services, or accommodation needs for persons with disabilities, or to view documents in person at our offices please contact us at info@indympo.org, 317-327-5136, or visit our offices at 200 East Washington Street, Suite 2322 Indianapolis, IN 46204. Public comments may be made by mail to Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization 200 East Washington Street, Suite 2322 Indianapolis, IN 46204. Comments may also be provided via email to info@indympo.org or by phone at 317-327-8601. All comments should be received by March 27, 2023. 5320-965837

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City of Indianapolis, Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, THE WORLD.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
You are notified that you have been sued in the above referenced Court. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint to Quiet Title to Real Estate obtained via Tax Sale on the following described Real Estate:

Lot Numbered 49 in Brown's Brookside Park Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 13, page 98 in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana.
Commonly Known As: 1302 N. Gale Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201

This Summons and Notice of Suit is directed to the following persons who may have an interest in the described Real Estate located in Marion County that is subject of this proceeding, and whose name appears of record concerning the Real Estate:

US REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC, USREAL ESTATE HOLDINGS III, LLC, Tammy Embury as Trustee of Gale Street Trust, Redevelop Indy LLC-5, City of Indianapolis, Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, THE WORLD.

In addition to the above-named Defendants being served by this Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

This Publication of Notice is given pursuant to Indiana Code Sec. 32-30-3-14 and Indiana Code Sec. 34-32-1.

You must answer the Complaint in writing by you or your attorney within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered quia in rem to the real estate in the name of the Plaintiff, as the Plaintiff has demanded.

/Kassandra Green/
Kassandra Green #28258-29

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SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 7
COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D07-2004-CT-014746

BARBARA URENA and MARIA MIRAMONTES, Plaintiffs,
vs.
ALEXIS CHRISTOPHER, MARY CHRISTOPHER, and AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE COMPANY, S.I., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Respondent above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.

The nature of the suit against you is: CIVIL TORT
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s) whose addresses are: Mary Christopher, 10248 Churchill Court, Indianapolis, IN 46229

In addition to the above-named Defendant being served by this summons there may be other defendants who have an interest in this law suit.

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 3rd day of April, 2023, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.

Brett M. Haworth, #24219-49

Attorneys for Plaintiffs
ATTST:
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court

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INTHE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
STATE OF INDIANA
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2302-EU-000905

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EMILY S. HUNTER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO BE PUBLISHED

In the Court of Marion County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that, on January 13, 2023, Susan C. Hunter was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Emily S. Hunter, deceased, who died testate on June 17, 2022.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated in Indianapolis, Indiana, on January 13, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell
Clerk, Marion County Court

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
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Notice Of Unsupervised Administration

IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT, PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of JANICE MARIE CUMMINGS, Deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2302-EU-004733

Notice is hereby given that CARLA L. C. BAXTER was, on February 3, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JANICE MARIE CUMMINGS, Deceased, who died on or about December 21, 2022. The Personal Representative was authorized to administer the Estate without Court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

DATED at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 27, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
5320-965631

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 8
SS: PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2302-EU-004809

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

OF THE ESTATE OF Jacqueline Campbell, Deceased.

In the Matter of the Estate of Jacqueline Campbell, deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2302-EU-004809

Notice is hereby given that Ernestine Edmonds was, on February 3, 2023, appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Jacqueline Campbell, deceased.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claim will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this February 3, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell
Clerk of the Marion Probate Court
5320-965449

02/17/23,
02/24/23

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 8
COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2302-EU-004872

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

OF THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE W. NIEHAUS, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that William R. Niehaus was, on February 5, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Clarence W. Niehaus, Deceased, who died on December 26, 2022.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this February 5, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court 8
5320-965440

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Notice Of Unsupervised Administration

IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT, PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of THOMASINE M. CAMPBELL, Deceased.

Cause No. 49D08-2302-EU-004922

Notice is hereby given that JENNIFER H. CAMPBELL was, on February 6, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of THOMASINE M. CAMPBELL, Deceased, who died on or about December 22, 2022. The Personal Representative was authorized to administer the Estate without court supervision.

All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within

three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after THOMASINE M. CAMPBELL's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this February 6, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell
Clerk of the Marion Superior Court,
Probate Division
5320-965652

02/17/23,
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 8
COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2302-EU-005215

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

OF THE ESTATE OF KEVIN R. FOY, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Thomas E. Brabec was, on February 7, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Kevin R. Foy, Deceased, who died on January 11, 2023.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine months (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this February 7, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell
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02/24/23

INTHE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
STATE OF INDIANA
CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2302-GU-004799

IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF MARCELLA MCGEE, INCAPACITATED ADULT.

NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP HEARING TO BE PUBLISHED TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

In the Marion County Superior Court

In the Matter of the Guardianship Marcella McGee, Adult

Cause No.: 49D08-2302-GU-004799

Notice is hereby given that on the 12 day of April, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in Marion County Superior Court, Probate Division at Indianapolis, Indiana, the Marion County Superior

Court, Probate Division, will hold a hearing to determine whether a guardian should be appointed or a protective order should be issued for Marcella McGee. At the hearing the court will determine whether Marcella McGee is an incapacitated person under Indiana law. This proceeding may substantially affect the rights of Marcella McGee. If the court finds that Marcella McGee is an incapacitated person, the court at the hearing shall also consider whether Tenn'a M. McGee should be appointed as guardian of Marcella McGee. The court may, in its discretion, appoint some other qualified person as guardian. The court may also, in its discretion, limit the powers and duties of the guardian to allow Marcella McGee to retain control over certain property and activities. The court may also determine whether a protective order should be entered on behalf of Marcella McGee. Marcella McGee may attend the hearing and be represented by an attorney. The petition may be heard and determined in the absence of Marcella McGee if the court determines that the presence of Marcella McGee is not required. If Marcella McGee attends the hearing, opposes the petition, and is not represented by an attorney, the court may appoint an attorney to represent Marcella McGee. The court may, where required, appoint a guardian ad litem to represent Marcella McGee at the hearing.

The court may, on its own motion or on request of any interested person, postpone the hearing to another date and time. Renata McGee is hereby provided with notice of this hearing.

Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana this 7th day of February, 2023.

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell
Clerk, Marion County Superior Court
Attorneys for the Petitioner:
5320-965535

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02/24/23,
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MDK # 22-034321
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #13
SS:
COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D13-2301-MF-003538

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
Christopher Coleman, et al.

Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of James M. Gregory, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of James M. Gregory.

BEIT KNOWN, that Nationstar Mortgage LLC, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, Susan B. Klineham, has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Marion Superior Court #13 its Complaint against Defendants The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of James M. Gregory, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of James M. Gregory, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, The Unknown heirs devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of James M. Gregory, and their unknown creditors; and, the unknown executor, administrator, or personal representative of the estate of James M. Gregory, upon diligent inquiry is unknown, and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and

to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:

Lots 858-860 and 861 in Drexel Gardens, No. 3, being an addition to the City of Indianapolis, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 18, Page 20, in the office of the recorder of Marion County, Indiana.

commonly known as 5147 West Legrande Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46241.

NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #13
Susan B. Klineham (17405-49)

Stephanie A. Reinhardt (25071-06)
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02/17/23,
02/24/23,
03/03/23

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
SS:
COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49C01-2212-MI-001616

IN RE THE CHANGE OF NAME:
Juliana Littles
Petitioner
ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on January 19, 2023, requesting a name change from Juliana Littles to Juliana Marie Coria.

The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Marion Circuit Court on April 4, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., which is more than (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. This hearing will be held in-person in the Marion Circuit Court, located at the Community Justice Center: 675 Justice Way, Indianapolis, IN 46203.

SO ORDERED: January 26, 2023.

J U D G E , M a r i o n C i r c u i t C o u r t
5320-965420

02/10/23,
02/17/23,
02/24/23

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NUMBER: 49D02-2208-MF-019704

UNITED SHORE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC/DBA UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHNNY HOLMES
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
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The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a foreclosure of the real estate mortgage, legally described as:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN MARION COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF INDIANA:

LOT 140 IN GARDEN COURT VILLAGE, SECTION 1, AN ADDITION IN MARION COUNTY, INDIANA AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 26, PAGE 121-124 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

This property is commonly known as 1722n Emerson Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46218

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following Defendants whose addresses are known: Unknown Occupant, if any,

1722n Emerson Ave Indianapolis, IN 46218

And to the following defendant whose addresses are unknown:

Johnny Holmes

In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer. You must answer the Complaint in writing, by your attorney, on or before the 26th day of March, 2023, (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

/s/ Christopher J. Arlinghaus
Matthew C. Gladwell (30493-49)
Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49)

Christopher J. Arlinghaus (31680-15)
Attorney for Plaintiff
Reisenfeld & Associates LLC
3962 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, OH 45227
Voice: 1-513-322-7000
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ATTST:

/s/ Katherine Sweeney Bell
Clerk of the Marion County Superior Court
5320-965284

02/10/23,
02/17/23,
02/24/23

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF MARION
CAUSE NUMBER: 49C01-2301-MF-000731

TVC MORTGAGE TRUST 2020-RTL1, BY U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ARTASH INVESTMENT LLC
ARKADY MATYUKHIN
UNKNOWN OCCUPANT
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Indiana to the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a foreclosure of the real estate mortgage, legally described as:

LOT NUMBER EIGHT (8) IN ALEXANDER HESS'S SUBDIVISION OF EIGHTY-TWO (82) FEET BY PARALLEL LINES OFF THE SOUTH SIDE OF LOT NUMBERED SEVEN (7) IN BRYAN'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 30 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA.

This property is commonly known as 560 Jefferson Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46201

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following Defendants whose addresses are known: Unknown Occupant
560 Jefferson Ave Indianapolis, IN 46201

And to the following defendant whose addresses are unknown:

Artash Investment LLC
Arkady Matyukhin

In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this summons there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

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to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

Pacers return to earth but they’re still fun to watch

By Danny Bridges

The National Basketball Association can be a rather rough place for a young and inexperienced team, even one that gives it all they’ve got for Forty-eight minutes a night.

Throw in the rigors of life on the road and you’ve got a tough challenge every game no matter who the opposition is, as this is the highest level of basketball on the planet Earth. So when the Indiana Pacers started off surprisingly well this season many fans thought they had turned the corner and were approaching legitimate playoff contention once again.

The talking heads on television and radio were proclaiming the resurrection of the franchise had occurred and they were convinced the Pacers were on their way again to prosperity.

Never mind it wasn’t even Christmas yet, as the gift known as winning had already been opened by those eager for a legitimate playoff run. When the page to the new year was turned, suddenly

things changed and from that point, a team full of promise and a lot of hustle has went six up and 17 down and is sitting in 12th position in the Eastern Conference at 26-34, despite their great start to the season.

As I wrote Dec.1, while it was easy to appreciate their solid start, the reality is this group is young and clearly will continue to have its ups and downs, so it would be wise to temper our overall expectations just a bit.

That prompted many of you blue and gold diehards to label me as a hater via email, and question my basic knowledge of the game, and while this is not one of those I told you so columns, it is a subtle reminder of how young teams go hot and cold every year in today’s NBA.

A deeper dive in to the statistical data shows the Pacers rank 24th in rebounding and that’s a huge reason they are currently a rather dismal 8-20 on the road. While Rick Carlisle has done a splendid job coaching this group, youth and inexperience has had a rather obvi-

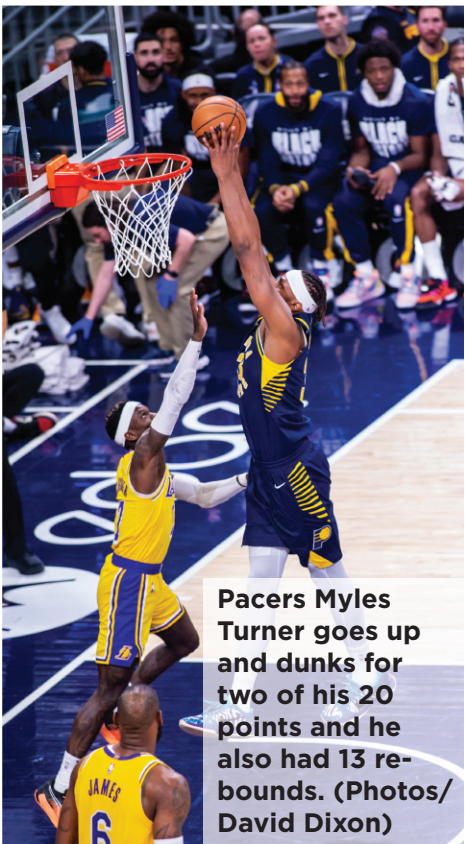
ous impact on a team that continues to play hard each game and has shown some great resolve in the process.

Obviously all is not lost when you sport an All-Star point guard in Tyrese Haliburton and a legit candidate for Rookie of The Year honors in Bennedict Mathurin, along with three of the first 35 selections in the upcoming NBA Draft.

Thats not an empty cupboard and it’s quite possible the Pacers could be on to something solid here soon.

Just enjoy this current roster and while there’s some holes to fill, they play hard every night and provide a fan friendly experience in Gainbridge Fieldhouse. The best thing you can give them is your patience and don’t forget to temper those lofty expectations too.

Danny Bridges who recognizes basketball potential when he sees it (most of the time) can be reached at (317) 370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.



Pacers Myles Turner goes up and dunks for two of his 20 points and he also had 13 rebounds. (Photos/ David Dixon)

Michigan State tops Indiana in first home game since shootings

By LARRY LAGE AP Sports Writer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan State coach Tom Izzo gazed into the crowd, tears welling in his eyes, moments before his team played its first home game since a mass shooting on campus killed three students and hospitalized five students.

“It was one of those moments where I just said, ‘I’m a lucky guy,’” Izzo recalled as his voice cracked with emotion. “I said to myself, ‘I hope we can come through for you.’”

The Spartans did.

Tyson Walker shook off a slow start to score 23 points and lifted Michigan State to an 80-65 win over No. 17 Indiana on Feb. 21, eight days after a mass shooting ended lives, endangered others and frightened an entire community.

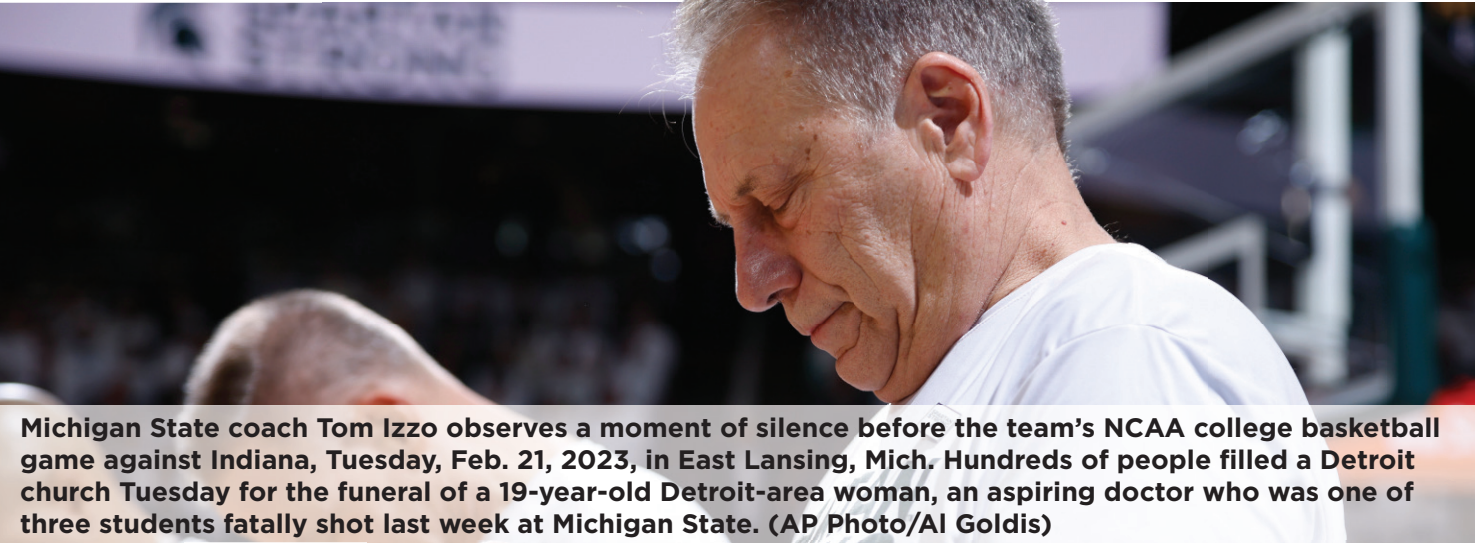
“It was definitely a emotional,” Walker said. “Everybody was involved in some way because everybody’s on campus. So, it was definitely good to go out there and play well for everybody.”

The Spartans (17-10, 9-7 Big Ten) surged into the lead late in the first half after Walker started making 3-pointers following an 0-for-4 start from the field and were ahead by double digits for much of the second half.

“Izzo’s teams play great. They play hard,” Indiana coach Mike Woodson said. “They force you to play hard. If you don’t meet that, you’re going to lose.”

The Hoosiers (19-9, 10-7) relied heavily on Trayce Jackson-Davis, as usual, and he had 19 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Michigan State had its previous home game against Minnesota postponed after the shootings and resumed play-



Michigan State coach Tom Izzo observes a moment of silence before the team’s NCAA college basketball game against Indiana, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, in East Lansing, Mich. Hundreds of people filled a Detroit church Tuesday for the funeral of a 19-year-old Detroit-area woman, an aspiring doctor who was one of three students fatally shot last week at Michigan State. (AP Photo/AI Goldis)

ing Feb. 18 in a loss to rival Michigan on the road.

The victims, survivors and first responders from last week’s shootings were recognized with pregame remarks. There was also a moment of silence that was broken by the Michigan State band playing “MSU Shadows,” when Izzo looked left, right, high and low at fans in the stands.

“I wish I could have ran up to that top row and thank the people that were there,” Izzo said.

In the front row of the student section, white shirts were placed on eight seats to save them for the eight students shot on campus. The funeral for the last of the three students killed was earlier Feb. 21.

The Spartans, after the emotional pregame, got off to a sluggish start before turning the game around with 3-pointers, defense and rebounding.

Michigan State’s A.J. Hoggard had three turnovers early in the game, then didn’t have another turnover and finished with 22 points and five assists. Joey Hauser and Malik Hall each

scored 10 points for the Spartans, who have won three of their last four games.

Jalen Hood-Schifino scored 16 and Trey Galloway had 11 points for the Hoosiers.

BIG PICTURE

Indiana: The Hoosiers, who have lost two of their last three games, may have some work to do to earn an NCAA Tournament bid.

Michigan State: After collapsing late against Michigan and returning to play at home on an emotional campus, Izzo’s team earned a much-needed win.

HE SAID IT

“As the game wore on, they smashed us and I don’t like that,” Woodson said.

IN THE FACE

Midway through the second half, Michigan State’s Mady Sissoko blocked Malik Reneau’s shot and the ball hit Kaleb Banks in the head so hard that he staggered and fell to the court.

BRIDGES SAYS

Former Michigan State star Miles Bridges sat behind the team’s bench and said he may be back in the NBA soon, returning to play for the Charlotte Hornets.

“It’s been a long process,” Bridges told The Associated Press at halftime. “I might be back in March.”

Bridges has not played this season while under an NBA investigation. He pleaded no contest three months ago to a felony count of injuring a child’s parent, agreeing to do so in exchange for three years probation and no jail time.

INJURY REPORT

Michigan State’s Carson Cooper missed the game after Izzo said the freshman center sprained his ankle during practice on Monday. Indiana senior guard Xavier Johnson is still out with a foot injury.

UP NEXT

Indiana: Plays rival and fifth-ranked Purdue on the road Feb. 25.

Michigan State: Travels to play Iowa Feb. 26.

Butler Vs Georgetown



Butler Guard Jayden Taylor dunks the ball.

Butler Head Coach Thad Matta and Georgetown Head Coach Patrick Ewing.



Butler Blue



Georgetown Hoyas beat the Butler Bulldogs 68-62. (Photos/ Walt Thomas)